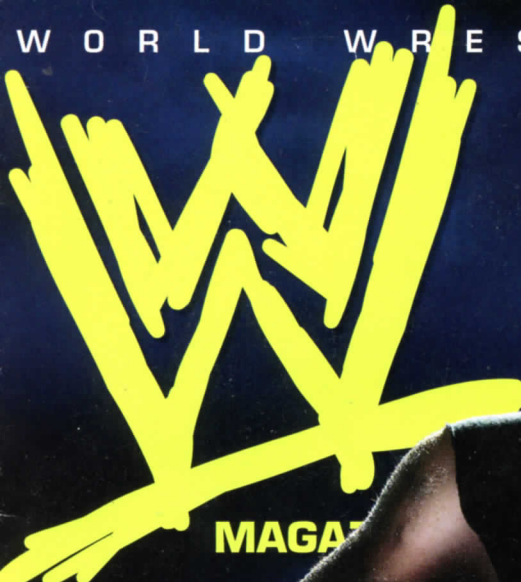




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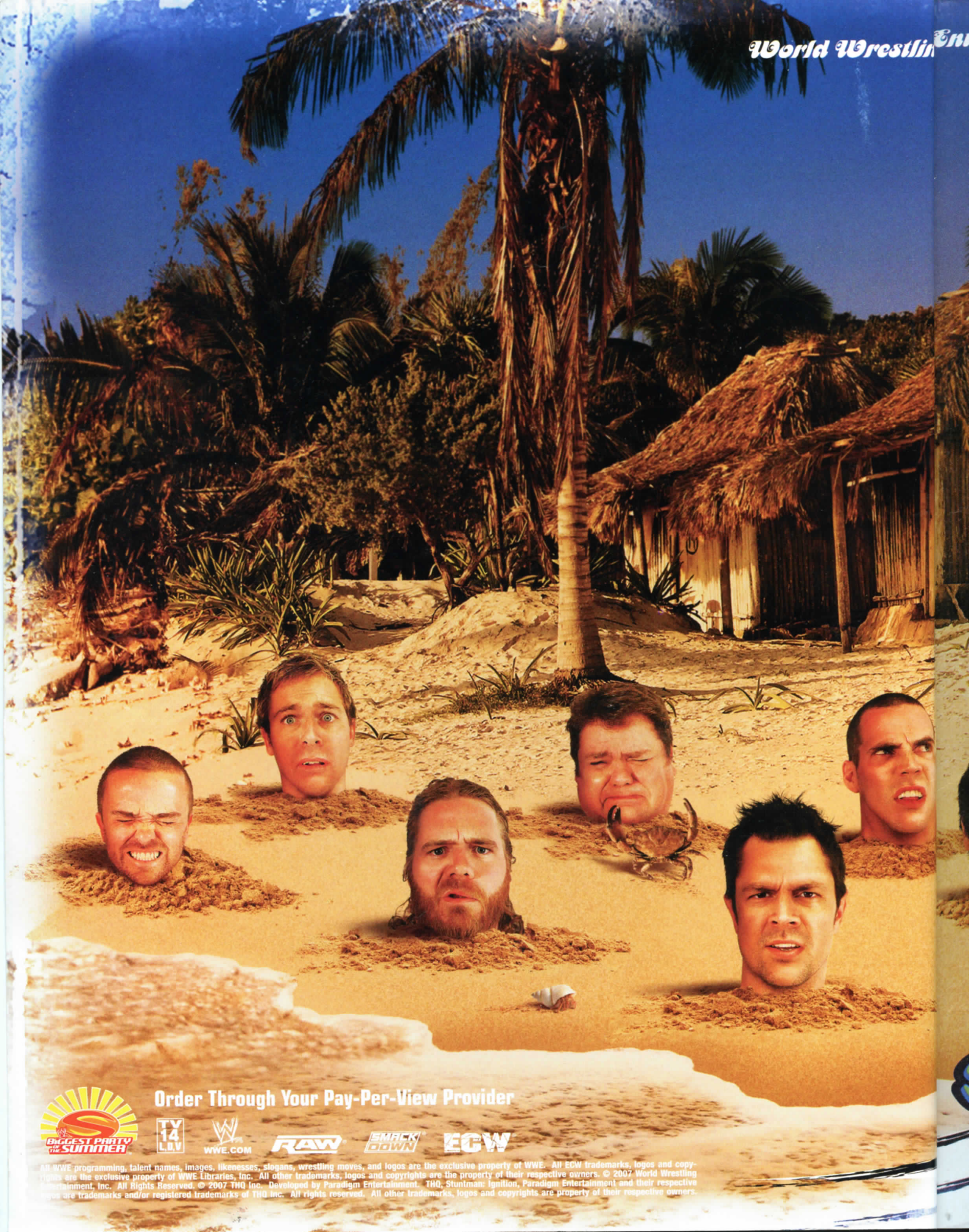
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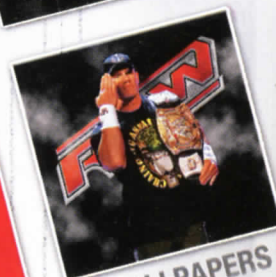
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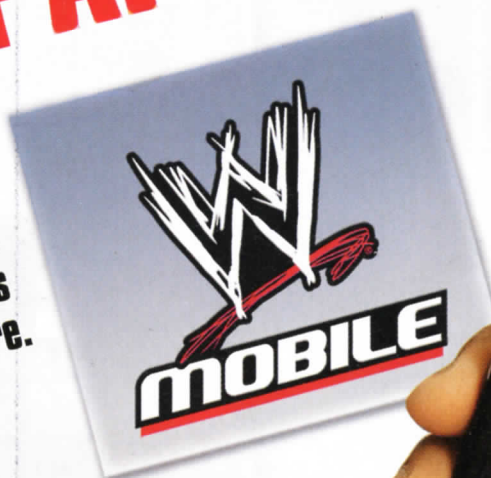


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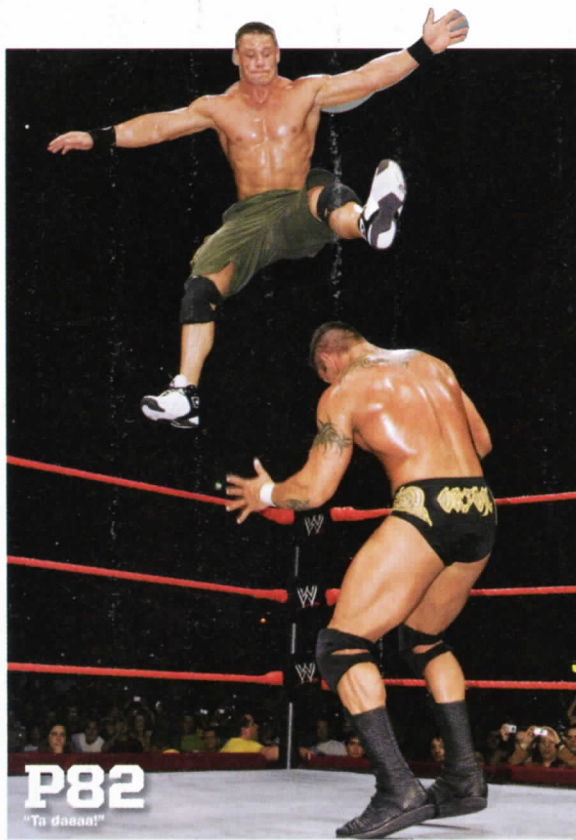
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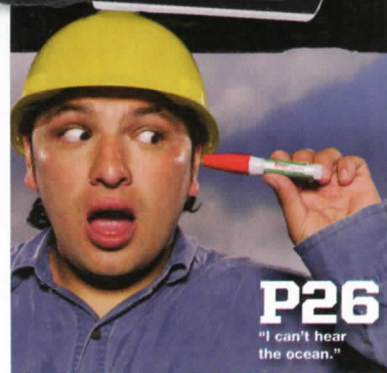
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"Matt Christensen is awesome."



"Why do you hate good things?"



"Hell's coming to breakfast."



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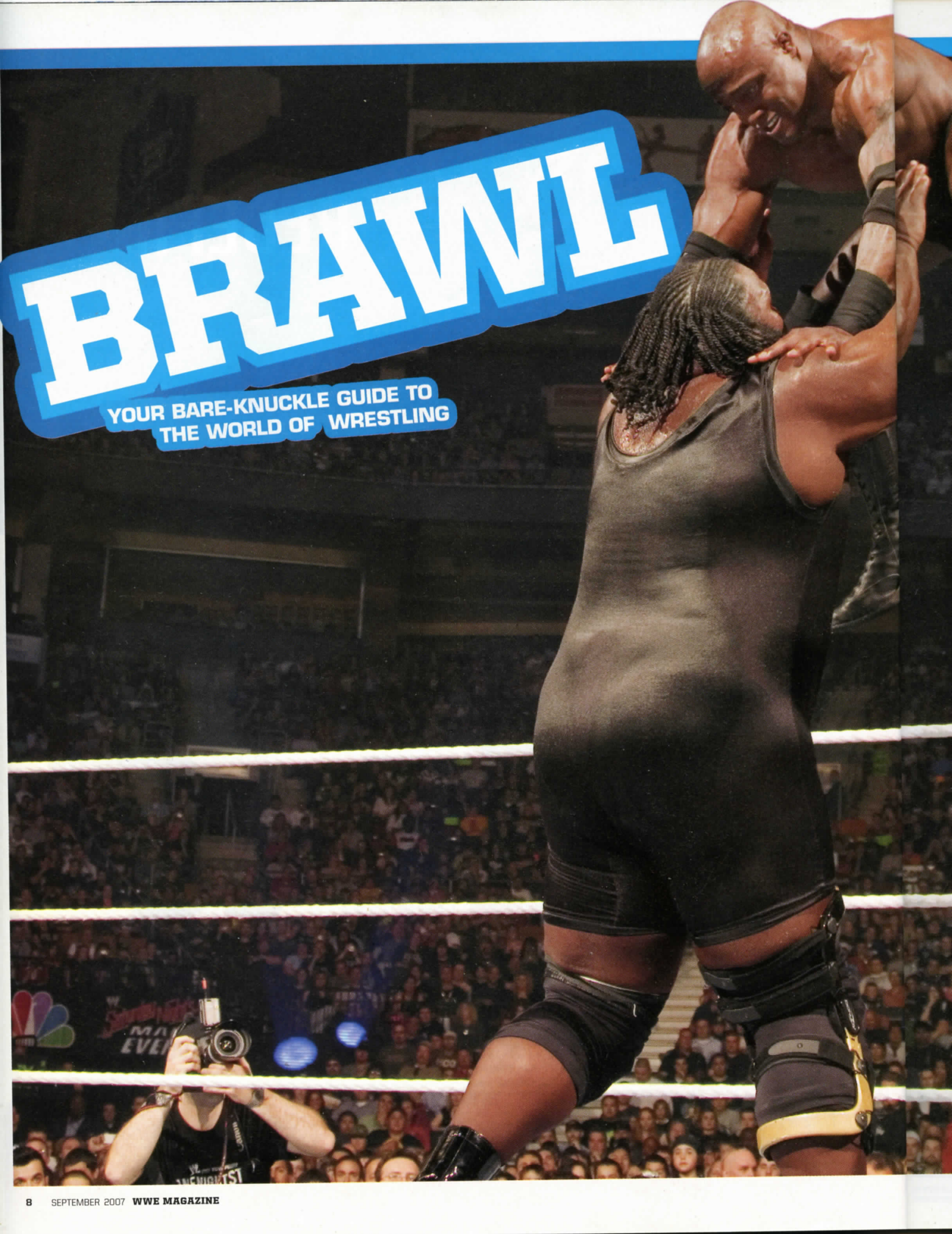
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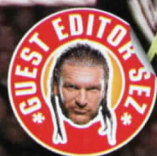
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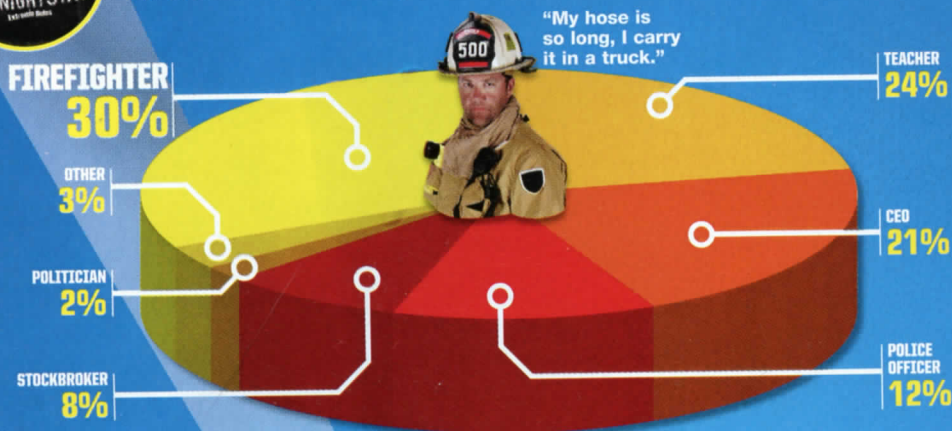
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Amazing stats crunched harder than a Red Delicious between Carlito's chompers.



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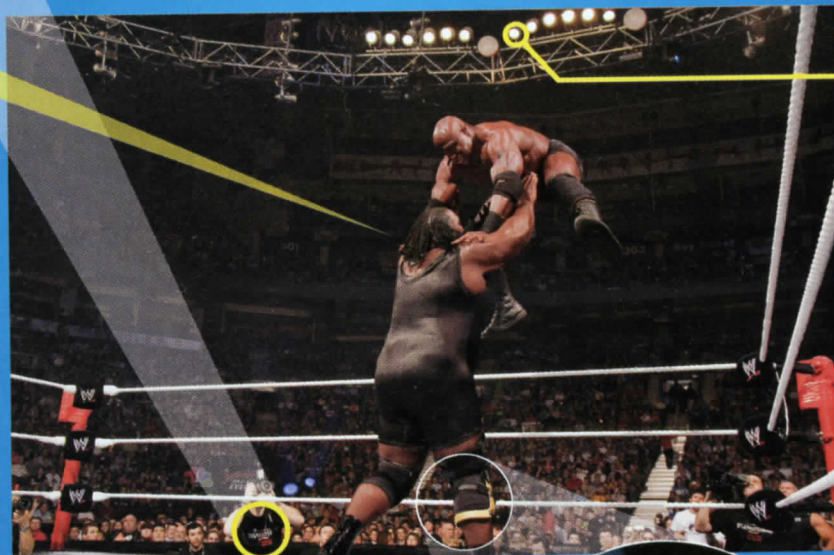


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NUMBER OF COLLEGE STUDENTS (OUT OF 100) WHO SAY THEY'D PARTICIPATE IN A "ONE-NIGHT STAND" ACCORDING TO A POLL TAKEN AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY.

"I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM GRAB-BING SOMEONE THE SIZE OF LASHLEY. HE'S JUST A BIG GUY WHO'S SEMI-STRONG. BUT IF I JUMPED ON HIM THERE WOULD'VE BEEN A **DARK, GREASY SPOT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RING** WHERE LASHLEY USED TO STAND."

—Mark Henry



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Record number of years a bulb hanging in a Livermore, CA, firehouse has continued to burn. According to *Guinness World Records*, the "Centennial Light" has been active since 1901. Take that, Air Canada Centre rafter lights!

885

Pounds dead-lifted by Mark Henry in 2002's Arnold Classic Strongman Competition. Basically, that's the same as picking up a Lotus Seven race-car or two full-grown lions.

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PERCENT THAT **SPANDEX IS CAPABLE OF EXPANDING** BEFORE LOSING ITS INTEGRITY. IT'S THE SAME POINT AT WHICH A PERSON CAN EXPAND BEFORE LOSING HIS DIGNITY.



Mark Henry's busted knee, 07/18 /06.

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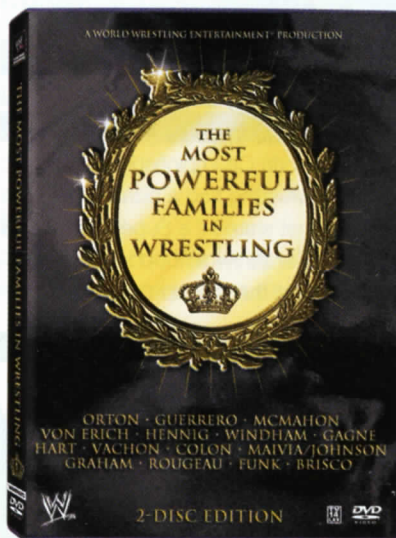
Cost (in dollars) to rehab a torn knee tendon. You're shelling out for the lofty hospital bill, a \$300 post-surgery brace, a \$1,000 athletic brace and long-term physical therapy sessions. Ouch.



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Astound your friends and co-workers with these arcane tidbits of grappling lore.

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Jerry Lawler—the Champion of all Champions?

Jerry "The King" Lawler holds the record for most title reigns in sports-entertainment, with 124 titles spanning three decades grappling in the AWA, WCCW, NWA, Mid-South and Memphis Wrestling. Don't believe us? Take the King's word for it: "We had our Memphis territory down there for over 20 years and we wrestled every single night of the week, so there were a lot of title changes!"

SUPERSTAR DISCOVERED!

Tito Santana Now Giving Perms?

WWE Hall of Famer Tito Santana boasts a long list of accomplishments: Winning the Intercontinental and Tag championships a total of four times, wrestling Greg Valentine in a cage match and...frost-



ing tips? Since the late 1990s, Santana has gone from curling weights to curling hair at Santana's Styling Salon in Succasunna, NJ. Just don't go in and ask for a Mexican Hammer, please.

SAY IT ISN'T SO!

In WCW, Going Over The Top Rope Was a DQ?

World Championship Wrestling had a bizarre rule that stated if a Superstar ever threw an opponent over the top rope, the per-

son would be automatically disqualified. Yes, it's odd, but then again it comes from the company that brought us such grappling legends as Loch Ness, The Yeti and Road Block.



Superstars reveal where they were when WWE came a knockin'. This month: **Victoria**.



"When I got 'the call,' I was working on *V.I.P.* with Pamela Anderson. At that time, I had only done one episode, playing a bodyguard. They wanted to bring my character back, and I was prepping for my second episode. That's when I got a call from WWE to appear on *Raw* in New York that Monday. Of course, I was still scheduled to do *V.I.P.*, so I ended up canceling my appearance and going to WWE instead. I think it's safe to say I made the right choice! I played a badass on *V.I.P.* and, as you can see, not much has changed!"

MAY WE SPEAK TO PAUL LONDON, PLEASE?

We cold-call Paul London, owner and operator of Kampgrounds of America, and ask if he's ever dropsaulted a Grizzly.

LONDON SPORTS A MASK TO THE RING. GIVE US YOUR BEST COSTUME.

I once dressed up as an average overweight woman and nobody knew that it was me. I could be the Master of Disguise.

PAUL LONDON IS A FORMER TAG TEAM CHAMP. HOW DO YOU FARE IN THE TAG TEAM RANKS, PAL?

On my staff, we keep it simple. It's not really

a matter of giving orders. It's more of, "If you can't do it my way, then it's the highway!"

WORST EXPERIENCE WITH WILDLIFE, PLEASE.

I was once talking on my cell phone while walking into a shed. When I opened the door there was a skunk staring at me. I ran away from it and tripped on a log and went flying into the air.

PAUL LONDON'S TAG PARTNER HAS GONE BY THE NICKNAME "SPANKY." WHAT'S YOUR PARTNER'S HANDLE?

My wife, Carlisa, is the "Lady Bug." She is definitely the leader of the team and calls all the shots. When she says "Jump," I say "How high?"

DO YOU HAVE A VARIATION OF THE MUSHROOM STOMP?

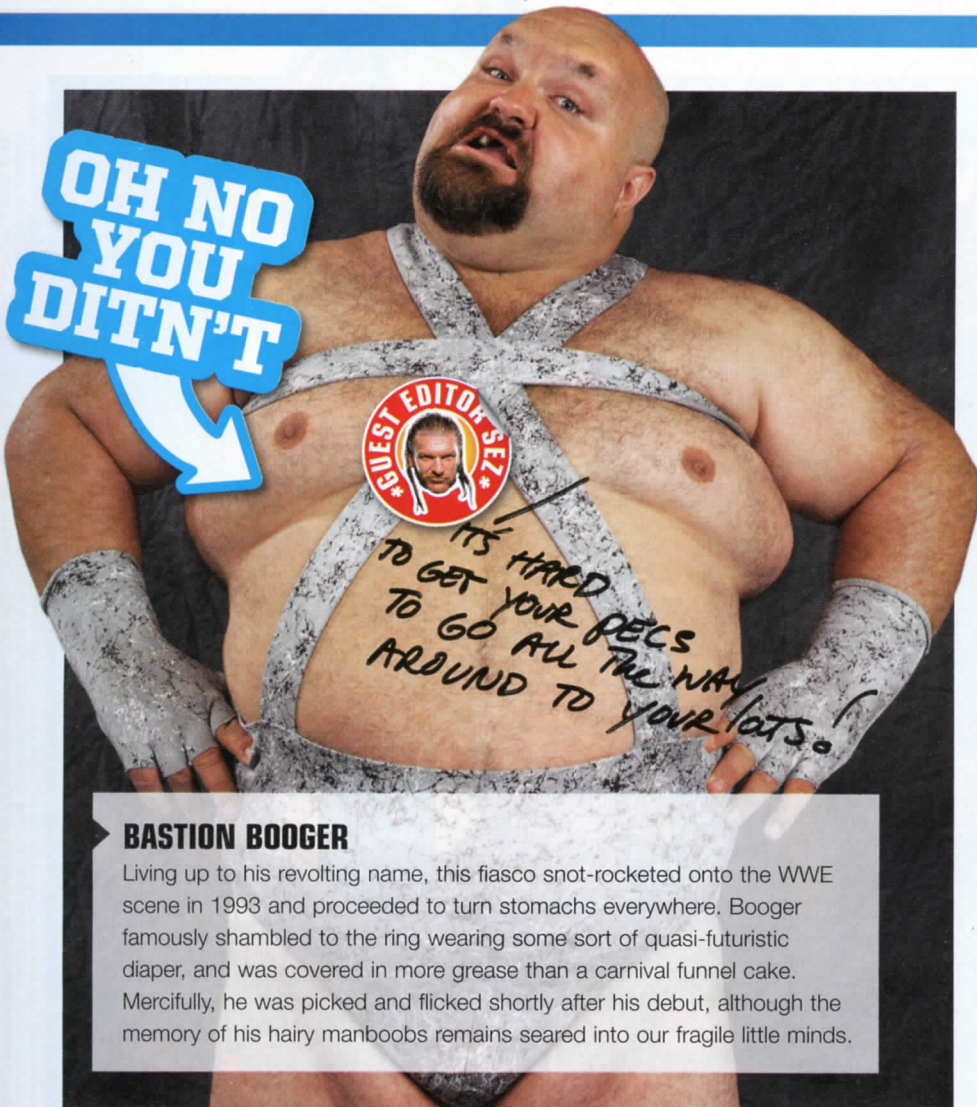
Well, in our experience with mushrooms,

we don't stomp on them—we just mow right over them. So I'm thinking my version would be the Mushroom Mow-Over.

WOULD YOU RATHER DEAL WITH THE GREAT KHALI OR AN UNRULY CUB SCOUT?

The Great Khali, just because he would give me more of a challenge. I don't know if I could take him, but it'd be worth a try!





BASTION BOOGER

Living up to his revolting name, this fiasco snot-rocketed onto the WWE scene in 1993 and proceeded to turn stomachs everywhere. Booger famously shambled to the ring wearing some sort of quasi-futuristic diaper, and was covered in more grease than a carnival funnel cake. Mercifully, he was picked and flicked shortly after his debut, although the memory of his hairy manboobs remains seared into our fragile little minds.

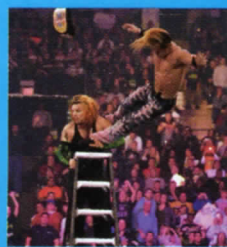


QUOTE ME!

"IF IT WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY, I WOULD DO THE SAME THING. GRANTED, IF IT WAS YOUR BIRTHDAY, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABOUT 96 CANDLES ON THE CAKE, AND THE FIRE MARSHAL WOULDN'T LET US PUT IT OUT."

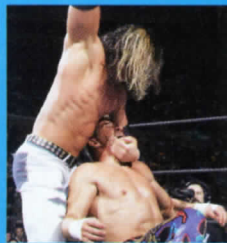
—Matt Striker to Rowdy Roddy Piper on celebrating the legend's birthday; ECW, 06/26/07

MY THREE FAVORITE MATCHES THIS MONTH: JOHNNY NITRO



JOHNNY NITRO VS. JEFF HARDY 11/20/06—RAW

"It was my first ladder match, and I think I proved to everyone watching that I could be as much of a thrill-seeker and just as crazy as anyone else out there. As well as better-looking."



MNM VS. EDDIE GUERRERO AND REY MYSTERIO 4/21/05—SMACKDOWN

"For starters, it was my first time wrestling at Madison Square Garden. Plus, it was my first time wrestling Eddie and Rey. And it was MNM's debut match. So it was a trifecta of coolness."



JOHNNY NITRO VS. CARLITO VS. SHELTON BENJAMIN 6/25/06—VENGEANCE

"It was the night I won my first I-C Championship. Carrito and Shelton are two of the most athletic Superstars on the roster. That night I proved I fit in with them, and that I'm better than them!"

1956 FROM THE VAULT

Return to the year when the Yankees' Don Larsen pitched a perfect game and Charlton Heston delivered God's decree.



TOURNAMENT FINAL FOR THE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Slave Girl Moolah defeats Judy Grable in a tournament final to begin the longest reign in Women's Championship history. Once a simple valet, the "Fabulous" one transitions from alluring arm candy to in-ring adversary. Sadly, her run ends 28 years later. Making matters worse, it's at the hands of Wendi Richter.



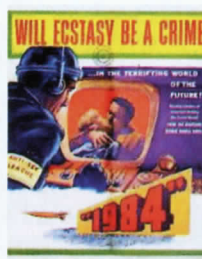
THE KING IS HERE

Elvis Presley makes his first appearance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. The pelvis-gyrating megastar is introduced as "Elvin" Presley to an audience of 60 million viewers.



CABLE GUYS

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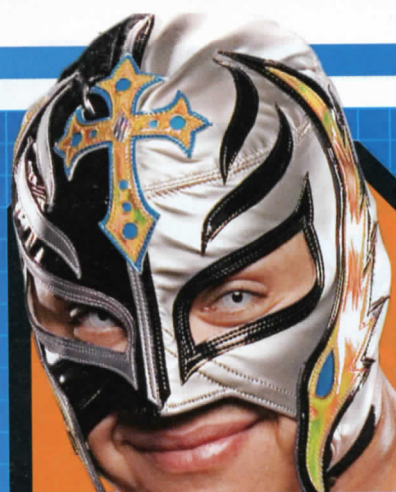
FORSEEING THE FUTURE

1984 opens on screens everywhere. The film imagines a dystopic, state-run society controlled by the omnipresent "Big Brother," but fails to predict the popularity of DayGlo socks and stonewashed jeans.

REY'S HOLLYWOOD CONNECTION

Newsflash! Our resident superhero, Rey Mysterio, has ties to TV's other famous **Heroes**. Here's what we discovered!

The mask, the tights, the high-flying maneuvers. It's a wonder Rey Mysterio hasn't left the ring for a life of crimefighting. Lucky for us, he's staying put in WWE, but with NBC's *Heroes* about to launch its second season, we wondered whether there might be a Six-Degrees-of-Kevin Bacon-like link between these superpowered giants. Turns out there is...



REY MYSTERIO was in the movie *Ready to Rumble* with...



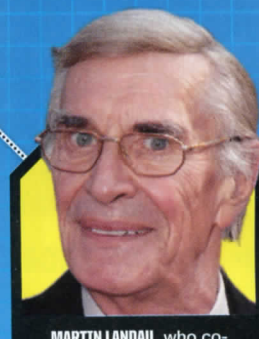
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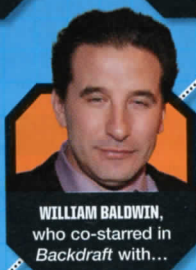
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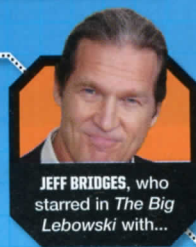
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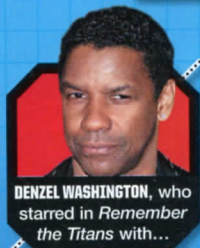
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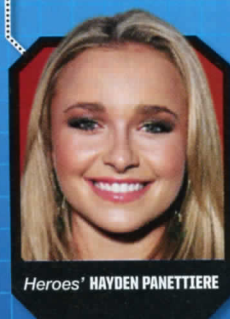
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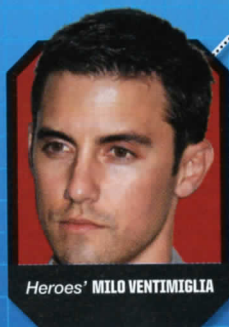
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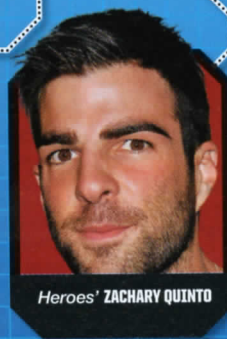
Heroes' **HAYDEN PANETTIERE**



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Heroes' **MASI OKA**



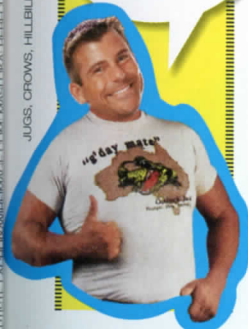
DID YOU BUY THIS?

In hopes of keeping your onesie clean, did your mom ever strap this creepy food-catcher around your neck? If there's a pic to prove it, send it to magazine@wwe.com. If we run it, we'll send you a Superstar's John Hancock!

JULY'S WINNER!

Fans were baffled by July's Outback Jack challenge. The only reader to pass our test was Matt Striker! We offered a Superstar's autograph to him as reward. Oops. Bad idea.

"YOU GIVE AWAY STUFF FOR WINNING THIS? THAT'S WHY THIS COUNTRY IS IN SHAMBLES. DO ME A FAVOR AND DON'T SEND ME ANYTHING." WE SAY: A SIMPLE "NO THANKS" WOULD'VE SUFFICED, SMARTASS.



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From our feeble-minded staff comes this incredibly half-baked merchandising effort. Absolutely not available anywhere.

Look at y'all! Ya got a bellyfull o'corn liquor and muscles like hominy grits. Well, don't you worry none, lil' piggy, cuz now you can work off that second helping of livermush at the **Hillbilly Gym**. Lift jugs of shine, work those delts on the waterpump or sculpt that chest liftin' a hay bale or two. Before long, you'll be lookin' finer than a frog's hair and two-steppin' yer way to the Sadie Hawkins' dance. Now git!



NOT HAGRID



Meet your new Pilates instructor.

"MY OTHER DREAM JOB IS..."

WE ASK **WILLIAM REGAL**, "HOW WOULD YOU MAKE YOUR LIVING IF WWE WERE NO LONGER AN OPTION?"

"Well, I've got a friend who's a one-armed window cleaner, and I figure I could wring out the sponges for him! Seriously, though, I'm a big fan of British comedy, so I'd love to get involved in some sort of comedy show. I'd be happy to do something in the vein of *Extras* or *The Office*. I also enjoy sketch comedy like *The Catherine Tate Show*, so I'd love to try my hand at that. I'm not a great fan of most American comedies, to be honest. I enjoy shows like *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, but most of the network shows I'm not really a fan of. If the right part came along for the right American show, then I'd have a go at that. But for right now, I'm focused on becoming a big-name player in this business."



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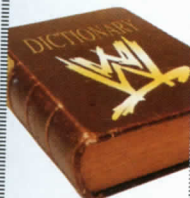
3RD GRADE DOODLE ART

WHERE PRECOCIOUS READERS USE THE RING AS THEIR OWN PERSONAL CANVAS.

In this deep-sea doodle submitted by George Jr. from Cincinnati, OH, "special" Superstar Eugene creepily communes with a porpoise while that landlubber Lance Cade prepares to become fish food. Where's Quint when you need him?!



WRESTLE SPEAK



TRUNK'D

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The condition a Superstar finds himself in after losing a match, thanks to an opponent grabbing a fistful of his tights.

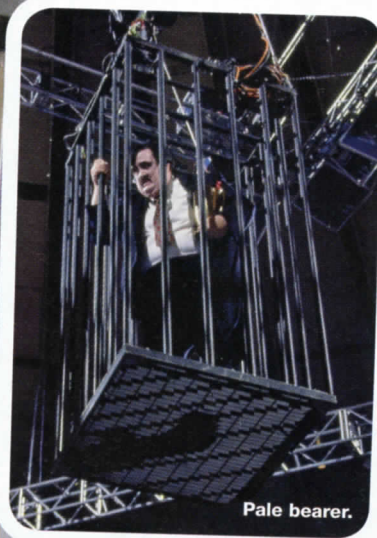


MR. McMAHON'S SECRET STASH!

Each month, we ransack The Chairman's garage and show you what he's hiding.



CAGE OF FOLLIES

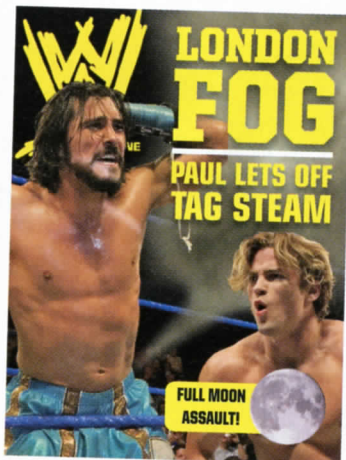
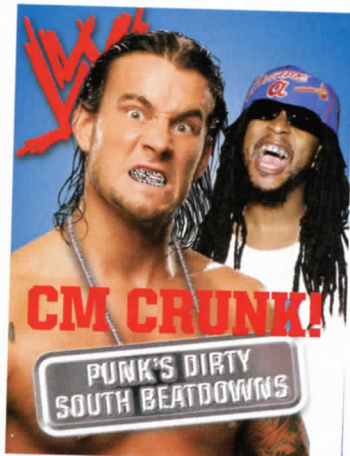
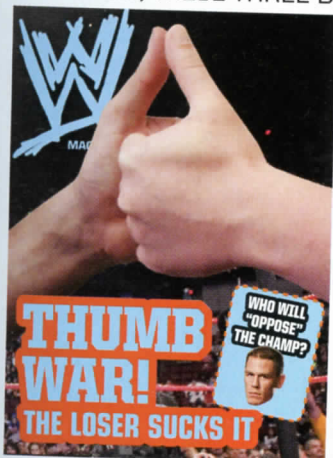


Pale bearer.

At *Survivor Series* 1996, Paul Bearer spent the match between the Undertaker and Mankind suspended high above the ring in a shark cage. Following the bout, the mysterious prison was seemingly lost to the ages, alongside a case of *Arrogance* perfume. Luckily, our intrepid archeologists unearthed this piece of WWE history hidden away in Mr. McMahon's vault. We're thinking it'd make a great intern workstation.

MEET THE REJECTS

EACH ISSUE, WE SEND FOUR COVERS TO MR. McMAHON. STRANGELY, THESE THREE DIDN'T MAKE THE CUT.



QUOTE ME!

"EUGENE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HE'S ABOUT TO GET EATEN."

—JBL on Eugene facing The Great Khali, *SmackDown*, 06/29/07

SEXY SUPERFAN OF THE MONTH

Meet the latest contestant in our ongoing search for the nation's hottest female WWE fan!

VITALS

NAME Katie C.
HOMETOWN Pittsburgh, PA
AGE 25
OCCUPATION Receptionist, Model
STATUS Single
 "My seven-year-old son Anthony is the one who got me into WWE. He is obsessed with it," says Katie, a recent convert to the WWE Raw Fan Nation. "When he sees me in *WWE Magazine*, it's going to make his year!" Yes, but only if you don't embarrass him by failing this test. Begin...now!



HEY FEMALE READERS!
 Think you're sexier or more wrestling-savvy than Katie? Send a snapshot of yourself to **MAGAZINE@WWE.COM**.

If you make the cut, we'll feature you in the pages of this magazine. And don't forget: You must be 18 years or older to enter.

- 1 MARK HENRY IS THE "WORLD'S _____ MAN."**
 "Strongest." ✓
- 2 ON WHICH WWE SHOW WOULD ONE FIND THE ANIMAL?**
 "SmackDown." ✓
- 3 NAME TWO WWE SUPERSTARS WHO WERE RECENTLY DRAFTED TO RAW.**
 "Lashley and King Booker." ✓
 (We would have accepted the answers Mr. Kennedy, London & Kendrick, Sandman, Daivari, Snitsky or William Regal, too.)
- 4 ON WHICH CHANNEL, NIGHT AND TIME DOES ECW AIR?**
 "Sci Fi on Tuesdays. It's on at 10 p.m. where I live." ✓
- 5 JOHN CENA USED TO CALL HIMSELF THE DOCTOR OF WHAT?**
 "Thuganomics. My son taught me that!" ✓
- 6 NAME ONE MEMBER OF EXTREME EXPOSE.**
 "I think it's made up of Brooke, Layla and Kelly Kelly." ✓
- 7 TRUE OR FALSE: REY MYSTERIO IS THE ONLY WWE SUPERSTAR WHO CURRENTLY WRESTLES WHILE WEARING A MASK.**
 "True. I know that from reading my son's *WWE Magazine*!" ✓
- 8 WHO MANAGES DEUCE & DOMINO?**
 "Oh, that girl with the rollerskates. What's her name?" ✗
 (Wrong! Cherry is the name you're looking for.)
- 9 WHAT PIECE OF HEAVY MACHINERY IS UMAGA NICKNAMED AFTER?**
 "I'm pretty sure it's a bulldozer." ✓
- 10 WHAT IS THE BOOGEYMAN FOND OF EATING?**
 "Bugs?" ✗ (Wrong. For shame! He eats worms.)

PENCILS DOWN!

SCORE Eight out of 10! Congrats! "I did great. It pays to stay home at night to watch WWE with my son. He will be very proud of me when he sees this." Well, that's a new one: a parent showing her kid her report card!

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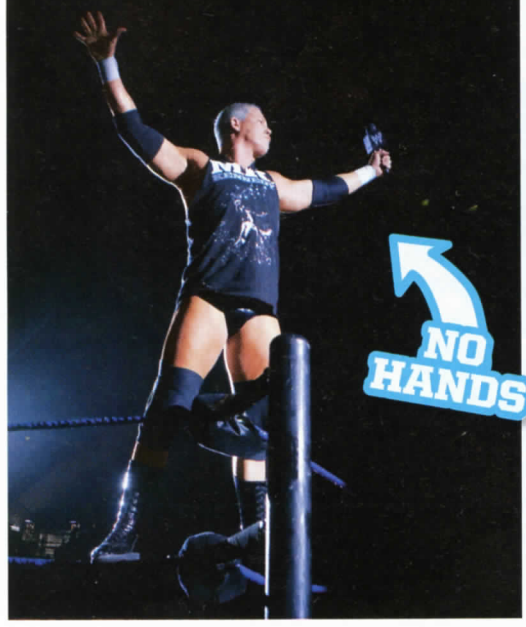
Guy's
PLEASE MEET
A GIRL

COUNT

Stuff the staff is diggin' on this month.

1 MR. KENNEDY ON RAW

We never thought we'd miss the platinum-blond loudmouth this much. By the time you read this, let's hope Mr. Kennedy's triceps are all healed up and his lungs are still in working order.



NO
HANDS

2 CUTEOVERLOAD.COM Whenever we need a cuteness fix, we hit this Web site, and then launch WipeDrive immediately after.

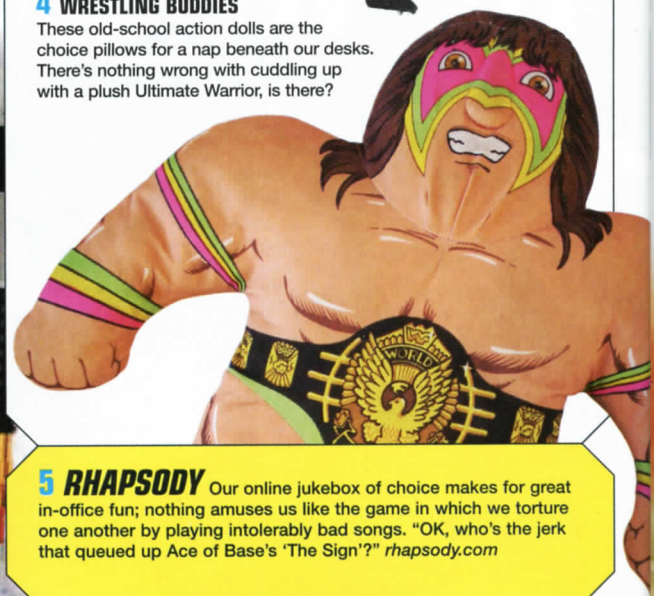


3 STAR WARS FORCE FX LIGHTSABERS

These geek-tastic Master Replicas sabers are a bit more realistic than the crappy plastic flashlights and cardboard wrapping paper rolls we swung around as kids. Perfect for keeping interns in check.

4 WRESTLING BUDDIES

These old-school action dolls are the choice pillows for a nap beneath our desks. There's nothing wrong with cuddling up with a plush Ultimate Warrior, is there?



5 RHAPSODY

Our online jukebox of choice makes for great in-office fun; nothing amuses us like the game in which we torture one another by playing intolerably bad songs. "OK, who's the jerk that queued up Ace of Base's 'The Sign'?" rhapsody.com

6 BOXHEAD ZOMBIE

This Web-based timewaster is real simple: shoot zombies and rack up major points. Get started now at crazymonkeygames.com/Boxhead-The-Rooms.html



7 SOUTH PARK: THE MOVIE

We get our profanity fix by quoting this filth-ridden masterpiece. If anything you read here offends you, blame Canada.



8 CLOROX BLEACH PEN

We have the eating habits of a toddler in a highchair, making this little pen very handy, especially on Babyback Rib day in the Titan Tower cafeteria. If only it could be used to correct our copy.

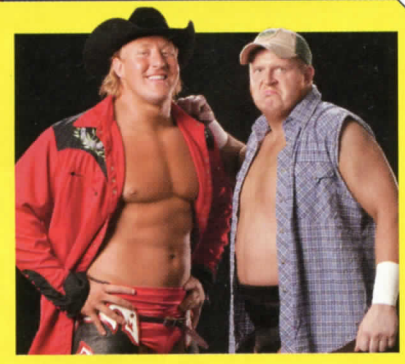


9 BOBBY HEENAN AT SUMMERSLAM 1991

With the '07 throwdown weeks away, it's time to revisit one of *SummerSlam*'s crowning achievements, namely Heenan's spot-on commentary during the classic I-C title match between Bret Hart and Mr. Perfect. Pop in the Bret Hart DVD to see what all the fuss is about at wweshop.com.

10 CADE & MURDOCH

Their feud with The Hardys has reignited the tag team division, thanks to the rednecks' clever victory over Team Extreme. Hey, did we just use "rednecks" and "clever" in the same sentence?

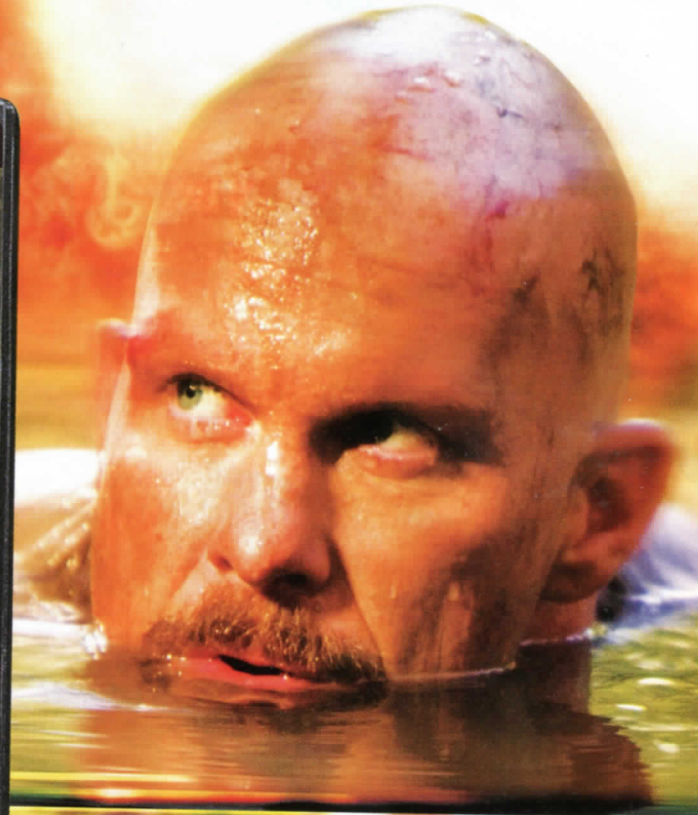
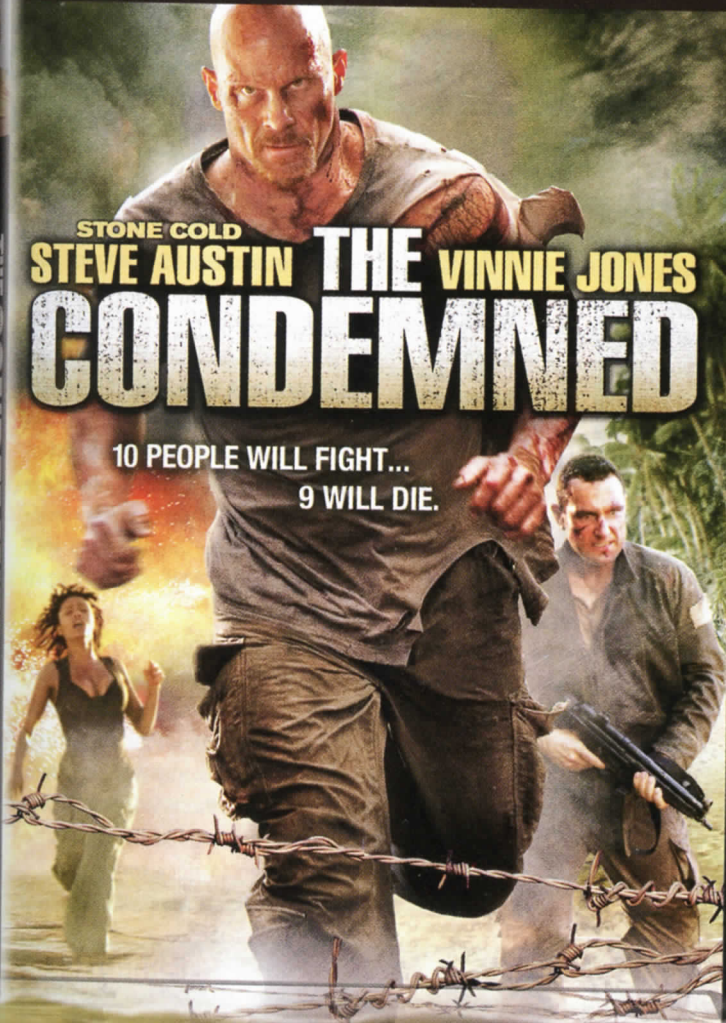


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10 PEOPLE WILL FIGHT...
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Francis C. Levendoski
Houston, TX

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Francis C. Levendoski of Houston, TX, will be sporting Stone Cold's tattered, stained *The Condemned* T-shirt about town as the randomly-drawn winner from our May movie contest. She says: "As a nurse, my schedule is always busy, but I always make time for WWE. We make it a point on our family nights to cook early so we can all enjoy WWE together. Thanks so much!!" [You're welcome, Francis. Just be sure not to wear that thing around the sterile hospital wards, 'kay?]

STICKY SITUATION

Dear WWE Magazine,
Why did you put all of those really annoying stickers on questions in the Grappler interviews? Is it just a lazy way to get people to your Web site?

Sam Mullen
Newcastle, England

Sam,
Thanks for your insightful question. While it might seem like a cheap promotional tool, we promise that there's a very good motive behind those stickers. Keep it a secret but, the reason is

**FOR THE ANSWER TO SAM'S BURNING QUESTION AND BONUS MATERIAL FROM THIS LETTER, GO IMMEDIATELY TO
MAGAZINE.WWE.COM/LETTER**

Hope that helps!

REMEDIAL MATH

Dear WWE Magazine,
In the July issue of WWE Magazine, on page 87 ("Arena Scout"), you printed that the Bonus Points equaled 100? It actually equals 96. Nice math.

Benny D.F
Via e-mail

Benny,
Ummm...you forgot to factor in the four points that the Nutter Center

received on page 86. Each "yes" checked off counts as a point. Looks like someone's going to summer school. Tell Mark Harmon we said, "Hi."

HANDYMAN SPECIAL

Dear WWE Magazine,
Did The Hardys have any experience with ladders prior to sports-entertainment? Perhaps they repaired roofs or worked at a hardware store?

Philip Hanan
Via e-mail

Philip,
We're not sure whether The Hardys' ladder know-how is limited strictly to the WWE ring. Now, if you were to ask us about The Boogeyman's prior experience with oligochaetes, we could tell you some stories...

WARFARE OVER "WARFARE"

Dear WWE Magazine,
I don't understand the final analysis from "Fantasy Warfare" in your July issue. How in the world can you say that Melina would beat the Fabulous Moolah? Do you know how long the Fabulous Moolah was Champion? Please explain this to me.

94savannah
Via e-mail

Savannah,
Moolah's accomplishments in the ring are legendary, but come on! We're talking about an 84-year-old stepping into the ring with a 28-year-old. If it were an "Ensure on a Pole" match, you might be able to convince us. [By the way, we do know how long Moolah held the Women's title—10,170 days. So there!]

MORE MOORE, PLEASE

Dear WWE Magazine,
There was one section in the July issue that grabbed my attention—the interview, "60 seconds with Shannon Moore." Most people may look at Shannon's win-loss streak in WWE and laugh, but I'm the biggest "Mooreon" ever. I came to the March 19 *Raw* dressed up like him. He has been my favorite Superstar ever since I first saw him wrestle Rey Mysterio. I flipped when I saw him in the magazine, and I would highly appreciate seeing more "Moore." Pardon the pun.

Tim Moore
Indianapolis, IN

Tim,
Shannon thanks you for the support. Now send in a pic of you dressed up as the Prince of Punk and you just might win our "First Annual WWE Magazine Costume Jamboree"! (See right.)



SO-SO FAN ART OF THE MONTH

By Daniel Allen;
Age: 16;
Canton, TX.

Less is Moore.



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No crap! Call us between the hours of 9 and 10 p.m. EDT, seven days a week. Got a question, complaint, story idea, drunken tale, whatever? Ring us, and a magazine editor will drag his fat ass out of bed to field your call. Here's the rub: This line is really only open for one hour per day. Plus, each call is limited to 60 seconds. You can't leave a message. You can't talk dirty to our ugly girlfriends. Oh, and your call may be recorded and posted on www.com.

SAME TIME!

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE SUPERSTAR!

GET YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME ON, AND WE MIGHT FEATURE IT IN THE MAGAZINE!

Douche & Domino.



YOU ARE HERE!

Sure, Halloween is more than two months away, but WWE Magazine staffers have been thinking about their costumes since we spotted a top-notch Nature Boy knockoff at *WrestleMania 23*. So now we're putting the call out to you, the readers, for the **First Annual WWE Magazine Costume Jamboree**. Dress up as your favorite WWE Superstar, past or present, take a digital picture and send it to costume@wwe.com. We'll rate the best and worst entries. So start working on that outfit. Now! Go!

Tips to remember before sending in your pics

- Send only one photo, but take a lot of extra pictures just in case.
- Set your camera to take shots at 4x6 inches and at least 300 dpi resolution.
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CRAFT CORNER

ONE FAN'S ARTISTIC VISION.

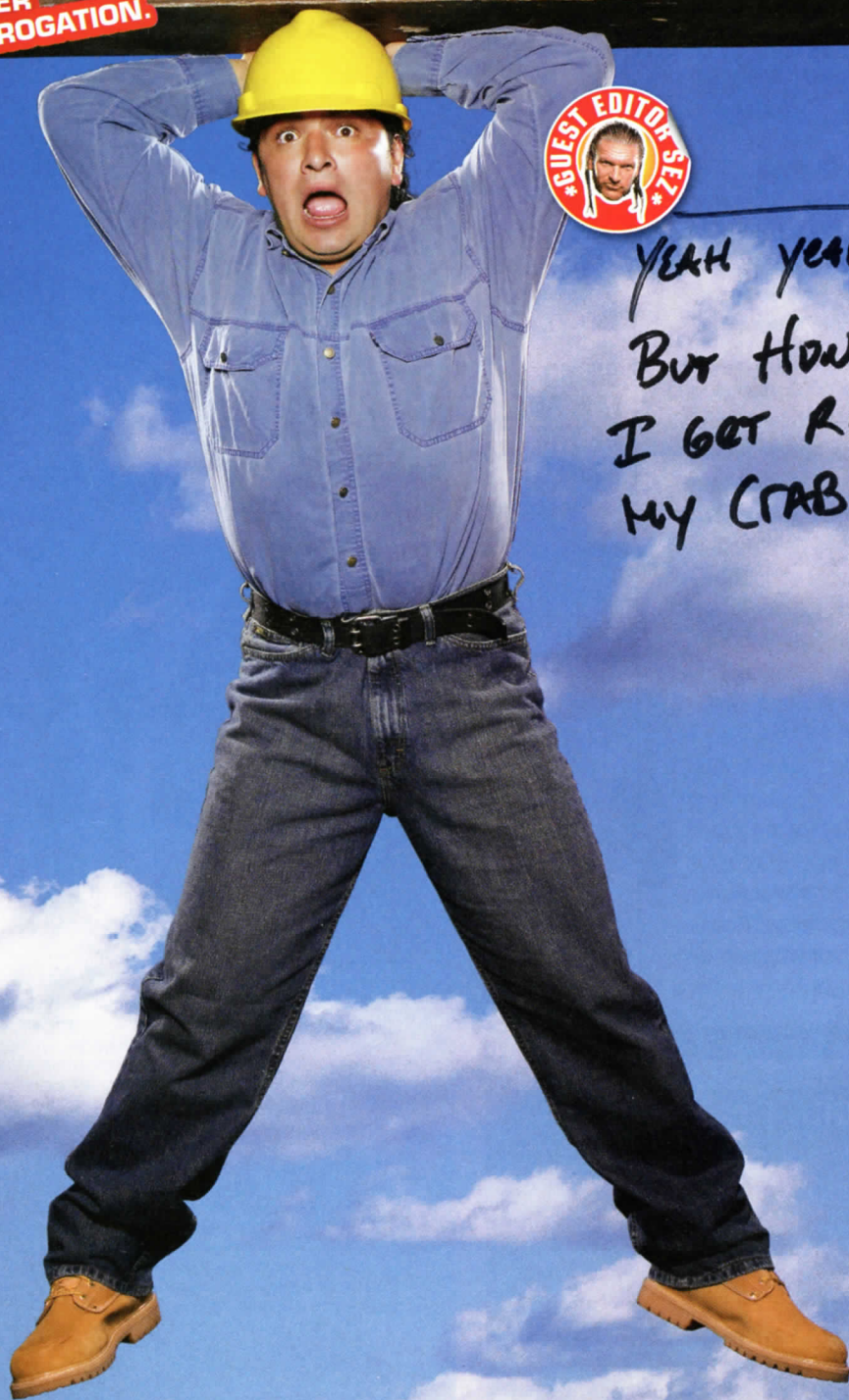
For her high school art class, Lauren Ziemba decided to mock up this papier-mâché title belt. Nice work, but where's the elbow macaroni?





GRAPPLERS

WHERE SUPERSTARS
BUCKLE UNDER
INTENSE INTERROGATION.



YEAH YEAH YEAH,
BUT HOW DO
I GET RID OF
MY CRAB GRASS!

"I hope my union
dues are paid up."

CRAZY DAYS, CRAZY NIGHTS

The Insane Luchador rambles on about executing moonsaults, breaking knuckles and bribing Mexican cops.

Your 2000 Mexican Death match with Tajiri is the stuff of legend. Was it your career-defining moment?

That is the best match that I've had to date. Because it was a death match, I had to give more than the normal, and with my specialty being hardcore matches, I was able to do some of the things that I'm not able to do here in WWE. Yet!



"WHEN IT COMES TO [HIGH-RISK MOVES], I'VE NEVER BEEN AFRAID, I DO EVERYTHING WITH MY HEART. I GET PUMPED UP, MY MIND GETS PUMPED UP, AND I JUST GO FOR IT."

Like that sick balcony moonsault at the 2005 ECW One Night Stand?

I'll tell you about that night. When I came out from backstage, the crowd was yelling, "Super Crazy!" "Super Crazy!" That's when I knew I had to give them something to remember. At that point, instinct just took over. When it comes to moves like that, I've never been afraid, I do everything with my heart. I get pumped up, my mind gets pumped up, and I don't think. I just go for it.

So what was it like being in ECW during its heyday?

I had been waiting for the opportunity, so when it came, I felt triumphant. I had set a goal for myself, and ECW was where I wanted to

be. Working there made a huge impact on me. It was totally different from Mexico, and the fans were incredible! Working there really energized me.

In WWE, you pull off three moonsaults from each of the three ropes. Ever get dizzy from doing the move?

Not at all. When I do it, I just get excited and focus on doing the

move perfectly every time. When I'm done, all I feel is a sense of accomplishment. I wish I could change its name to the Super Crazy Special, because it feels so natural to me!

You're coming off a wicked knee injury. How was your time in rehab?

You have no idea how much I missed being around everyone. I missed everyone backstage, and I missed the fans the most. It was hard to not be able to perform for them.

Was that your worst injury ever?

No! In Japan, I hurt my left hand doing the moon-

SPEED ROUND

FAVORITE LUCHADOR?
Eddie Guerrero.

BEST STADIUM?
Madison Square Garden. Absolutely.

HOW'D YOU SPEND YOUR FIRST WWE CHECK?
I paid off all my debts!

FAVORITE TEQUILA?
Don Julio! Good stuff, man.

EVER EAT THE WORM?
Never. Super Crazy's crazy, but he's not that crazy!

LUCHADOR WITH THE COOLEST MASK?
Cien Caras. It's a design that's very different from the traditional style.

BEST LUCHADOR MOVIE?
Los Campeones Justicieros. That movie inspired me to become a wrestler.

sault. My opponent moved at the last second, and I put my head down and when my hand hit my head, the knuckles between the two outside fingers broke. You can still see the scar.

SHOWING HIS KNUCKLES.

What's crazier here in the U.S. than, say, in Mexico?

You can't bribe the police here when you get pulled over! I drive pretty crazy, and, in Mexico, if you get pulled over, all you do is give a few pesos or an autograph and you're on your way. I wouldn't be able to get away with that here.

Speaking of run-ins with the law...what have you heard from Psicosis?

Very little.

Can you shed some light on what happened? Did he really hold someone up with a water pistol?

He told me everything was invented by the press, and his version was totally different than what was printed, but knowing him, I don't know what to believe. I feel bad about everything and hope I can get back together with him in the future.

Have you ever seriously considered seeing a psychiatrist to be less "Super Crazy"?

Not yet! I want to stay crazy, man. If you take me away my craziness, I'll go insane. I need to be crazy to stay normal.



This Chapstick is too sticky!



"Who's for dinner?"

PRIORITY MALE

MARCUS COR VON GROWLS ON ABOUT HIS ALPHA SKILLS, HOW PLAYING IN SUPER BOWL XXVIII COMPARES TO *WRESTLEMANIA*, HIS FORTHCOMING WWE PREY AND HIS INABILITY TO SIT STILL.

What is it that separates the Alpha Male from the subservient betas of the world?

I've always had a kill-or-be-killed mentality. From the first time I put on a football helmet, walked onto a basketball court or smacked a T-ball, I was an alpha-in-training. The Alpha Male really manifested itself in high school, and that name came to me while playing linebacker. I've always been an aggressive, straight-ahead, go get 'em type of guy.

You're a pretty animated guy. We're betting you have some problems sitting still?

That restless guy is always in me. Even when the cameras aren't on, I'm trying to hold him back and not pounce.

Speaking of pouncing, how did you come up with your devastating finishing move, The Pounce?

I was looking for something I could do to anybody. It had to be effective, show athleticism, and stay in-tune with who I am and my abilities. I also wanted it to be a very visual thing. And I wanted something that I haven't seen anybody do, something original.

How does wrestling in WWE compare to your former profession—linebacker in the NFL?

They're both grueling and strenuous professions, but in different ways. I don't think people understand how much effort goes into travel, training and nutrition in the sports-entertainment world. In professional sports like football, a lot of that is provided for you.

Plus, you're working out in the same place all the time. Now, my schedule is more demanding. It was a hard transition going from the NFL to WWE, because I'm pretty regimented when it comes to eating and working out. With all the unexpected schedule changes, it means I might have to slam a shake here and there. In this business, you have to be like a chameleon and adapt to the situation.

Can you remember the exact moment that you knew you wanted to step into the squared circle?

I decided that long before I left football. Wrestling was something I pretty much had set my sights on at an early age. When I was at NFL training camp doing interviews, reporters would often talk with me about wrestling to soften me up to talk about football. I'd tell them that that's what I've always wanted to do. It's been a life-long pursuit for me. As a kid, I was a huge fan of Ric Flair, Curt Hennig and Nikita Koloff, too. I was drawn to a lot of the bad guys.

You've performed on the greatest stages in football and sports-entertainment. How does the Super Bowl compare to *WrestleMania*?

WrestleMania was unbelievable, and I was more relaxed going into it than going into the Super Bowl. At the Super Bowl, all I could concentrate on was winning the game. You need to take in the whole environ-

SPEED ROUND

WHO, IN YOUR OPINION, IS AN ALPHA FEMALE?
I haven't run into her yet—that's why I'm not married.

FIRST ITEM ON YOUR GROCERY LIST?
Red Meat. I like a nice filet.

YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE FOLLOWING FOOTBALLERS TURNED WRESTLERS, STARTING WITH LAWRENCE TAYLOR?
He did a lot for the business and took it to a mainstream level.

ERITE "BIG CAT" LADD?
Awesome. I was just reading about him in Superstar Billy Graham's book. I only know of him from watching videotapes. Big guy, big personality, great wrestler.

GOLDBERG?
I don't know how much NFL experience he had. People have different opinions, but I think he definitely elevated the business.

Loudest shirt contest.

ment; and I didn't do enough of that. The events are both crazy in terms of media and fans. I used to play in front of 80,000 people every week, but those 80,000 fans inside Ford Field were different. I usually get pretty psyched up anyway, but the fans, the whole week leading into *'Mania*, and Aretha Franklin singing...I just thought to myself, "This thing is on." There was great deal of emotional energy welling inside of me.

Come Sundays, do you kick back in the recliner and watch the old pigskin on TV?

I don't watch for enjoyment. I studied film for too many years, and now it's hard to watch without thinking of calling defenses. It's almost like I transform into a machine. Sometimes I try to watch local high school games, but I feel like they're being played in slow motion.

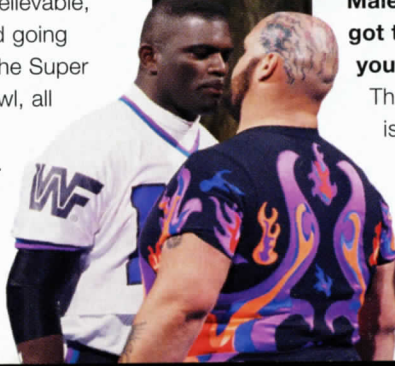
So do you or don't you long for the gridiron?

I just miss blowing people up, putting on a helmet and running through people. You can never really get that out of your system. There's a smell in the air every September, when the air is changing. That's the smell that says, "Go crush a guy."

Now that WWE is the Alpha Male's hunting ground, you've got to tell us—who's on your hit list?

The endangered species list is wide open. It's not duck season, it's not rabbit season, but it's definitely open season.

STARTS TO SNIFF THE AIR.



JERKS OF THE MONTH



Danny & Squiggly
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We're taking *two* diabolical Superstars to task for their crimes against humanity. This month: Deuce and Domino.

These greasers swiftly climbed the ranks of *SmackDown's* roster, destroying Paul London and Brian Kendrick's 334-day title reign to become the WWE Tag Team champs. We think the leather-loving leviathans are cruisin' for a bruise, which is why we demanded that they explain themselves.

OUR ACCUSATION

You took advantage of Paul London's injury to steal the title from the long-reigning champs.

DOMINO'S REBUTTAL

"Stole the title? It's sports-entertainment—it's not pretty. He does all these fancy flips and dives and I found a counter—I moved! We're a reckless team that beat people up."

DEUCE'S REBUTTAL

"Is it our fault he's got soft ribs? Is it our fault he's got a soft jaw? Hey, we're tough. And that's why we're the champs."

OUR ACCUSATION

Red-hot egos are a recipe for disaster. Can you really trust your partner and Cherry not to betray you?

DEUCE'S REBUTTAL "I don't know where you're getting your information from, chump. There's no way Domino is turning his back on me. And Cherry's my girl; she's with me for life. Don't ask stupid questions."

DOMINO'S REBUTTAL "I don't worry 'cause it would never happen. They're not turning their backs on me. You know why? Without me they ain't got much."

OUR ACCUSATION

You dress like Danny Zuko from *Grease* and think it's the cat's meow. As for Cherry, she looks like an extra from *Joanie Loves Chachi*.

DEUCE'S REBUTTAL

"What's wrong with our look? We don't want to be like anybody else. This is our style; this is the way we like to do things. If somebody wants to update our style I'd say, 'How about you shut your mouth before we smash your face!'"

DOMINO'S REBUTTAL

"Zuko's an actor, and we're the real thing. Deuce and me stand out 'cause we're different. We don't look like your typical WWE Superstar. We look better."

THE VERDICT

YOU, SIRs, ARE INDEED JERKS.

YOUR LUNCH MONEY, PLEASE

In high school, Superstars were just like the rest of us: bullies, troublemakers, acne-challenged outcasts. This month, meet a young Bobby Lashley.

Bobby, we're guessing you weren't A/V club president in high school.

No, I pretty much stuck to sports. Football, wrestling, and in the summer I played baseball and ran both track and cross-country.

What, no badminton?

No. Wrestling was my forte, but I was pretty good at football. I had growth spurts after high school, so, believe it or not, I was really small back then. But I was fast as lightning. I was a running back, and I used to take the really bruising hits.



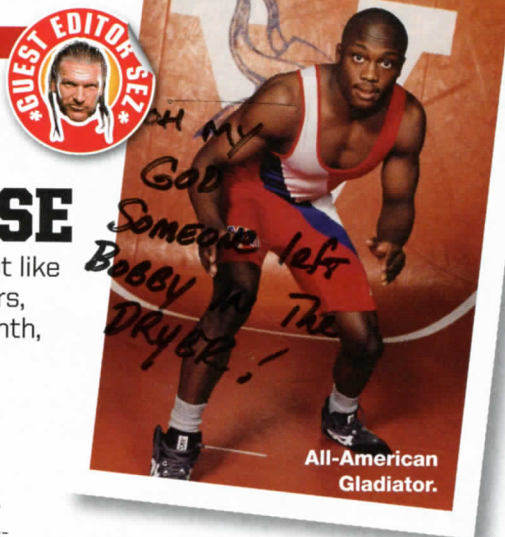
"WE USED TO PULL PRANKS ON THE FRESHMEN. WE'D DUCT TAPE GUYS TO A TREE OR ONTO THE SIDE OF A BUS."

Worst high school hit ever?

I once ran straight into a linebacker, and the blow pretty much picked me up and laid me out. It was like getting nailed with a spinebuster.

Ever shove a dweeb into a locker?

When I was a junior and a senior, we used to pull pranks on the freshmen. We'd duct tape guys to a tree or onto the side of a bus.



Not when it was in motion, we hope.

No, we didn't try and kill anybody! But duct tape is really strong. You can pretty much do anything with it.

What about the poor kid you stuck to a tree? What did he do to deserve it?

This kid made the mistake of pranking me and a friend when we were seniors. He put a bag full of poop in my locker. Well, one of his friends ratted him out, and we grabbed him right in the middle of the day and taped him to a tree. When people walked past and saw him, they knew not to mess with us ever again.

Aside from abusing underclassmen, ever get into any trouble?

Not really. My dad was in the military; he was a drill sergeant. You can't get too wild when your dad's a drill sergeant. Just my dad's voice alone was enough to set me straight. If I did anything that crossed the line, it was getting into a couple of fights. It was simply because I was a smaller guy, so I had to defend myself.

NAME BOBBY LASHLEY

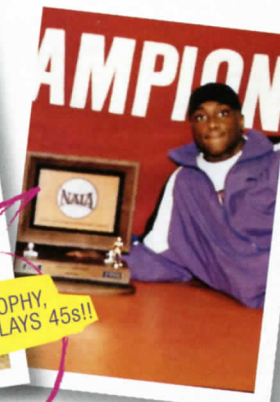
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**ACTIVITIES WRESTLING, FOOTBALL,
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SO WHAT WAS IT LIKE APPEARING IN TIMBALAND'S VIDEO?

It was an absolutely amazing experience. And to work with such a high-end producer, it's one of those once-in-a-lifetime things. I can't tell you how surreal it was. Something I will never, ever forget.



HAS APPEARING ON ECW AND MTV CHANGED YOUR QUIET HOUSTON HOME LIFE?

Yes, people go crazy! When I go back I see friends and they start crying because they're so excited. I can get into any club, I get free drinks, and I'm treated like royalty. It wasn't like this before, but it's cool.



NOW THAT YOU'VE CONQUERED TELEVISION WHAT'S NEXT?

I would love to do *Playboy*. I want to be the girl every woman wants to be, and the girl every man wants, kind of like a brunette version of Sable.



THOSE ARE SOME MIGHTY BIG SHOES TO FILL.

It's exactly how I want to be seen—the hot chick that can whoop ass in the ring and doesn't take crap from anyone.



SO, YOU'D TRADE EXTREME EXPOSÉ FOR BRUISES AND BLACK EYES?

Of course! I love what I'm doing with these gorgeous, amazing girls, but if I had the opportunity I would leave in a heartbeat.



ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO HEAD TO HEAD WITH SCHEMING DIVAS LIKE VICTORIA?

The physical part doesn't scare me. I've been training with Nattie Neidhart, Dr. Tom Prichard and Steve Keirn, and they're really amazing. I can't wait to have my first match.



HOW TO MAKE AN ACTION FIGURE

WWE MAGAZINE TAKES AN EXCLUSIVE LOOK AT HOW YOUR FAVORITE SUPERSTARS ARE CAPTURED, MINIATURIZED AND RELOCATED TO A TOY STORE NEAR YOU.

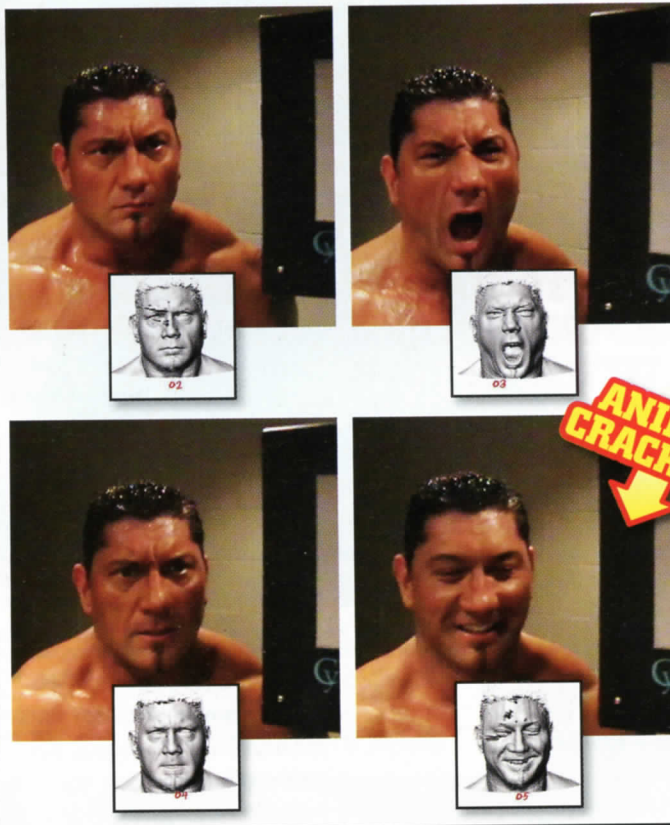
1 SCAN AND DELIVER

"Once or twice a year we come to live events with Gentle Giants Studios' 'scan van,'" explains Peter Skourtis, senior project manager at the company that makes plastic, poseable Superstars possible—JAKKS Pacific. "The van is a mobile workstation that houses all of the tools we need to take a detailed, lifelike, digital scan of

WWE Superstars with different facial expressions. Our goal is to get a bank of images of each Superstar with different facial expressions. We try to capture every possible look, from smiling to smirking to yelling. We also shoot things like tattoos, ring gear, and costumes in order to make a more detailed and realistic final product."

2 SHOW US YOUR O-FACE

You're stuck in a van with a snarling Batista—what do you do? "The actual scanning process takes 10-15 seconds," says Skourtis. "The trick is getting the Superstars to remain completely still. The machine basically takes a Xerox copy of someone's face, so they have to hold the expression without moving, or it won't turn out right."



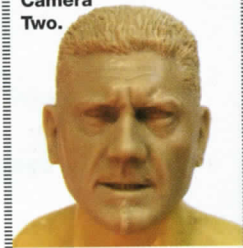
3 SUBMISSION MOLDS

After the scan is complete, JAKKS enlists the help of its own personal Michelangelos to sculpt the Superstars' mugs. "At this point, the process becomes a checks-and-balances scenario with our sculptors," adds Skourtis. "They send us images of their sculpts, we offer feedback and suggestions, and we go back and forth until we get what we're looking for."

Camera One.



Camera Two.



ANIMAL CRACK-UP

BATISTA

Height: 6'6"

Weight: 290 lbs.

From: Washington, D.C.

Also Known As: "The Animal"

WWE Debut: 2002

Finishing Move: Batista Bomb

Career Highlights:

- 2-time World Heavyweight Champion
- WWE Tag Team Champion
- 2-time World Tag Team Champion
- 2005 Royal Rumble winner

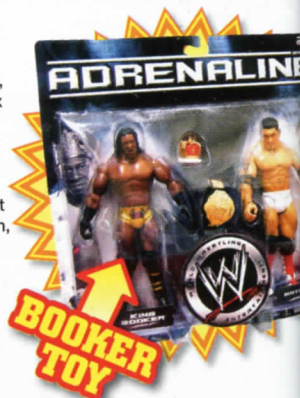
4 HOME STRETCH

According to Skourtis, painting a WWE action figure ain't no color-by-numbers operation. "After we get the head completed, we make three separate castings of the sculpt. One goes to Hong Kong for mass production, and the other two stay with us so we can assemble a body from a selection of parts we have in the office. Then, those models are sent to be hand-painted and used for mass production models, photoshoots, and print ads."



5 SHELF LIFE

"From the scan to the shelf, the process takes about six months. It's a very quick turnaround," confirms Skourtis. "Once all the approvals have been met, we offer the Superstars first glance at their figures. Then, eventually, the Superstars will change their tights, or get new tattoos, and we start the process again. There will definitely always be new ways to make the same WWE Superstar."



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Funaki isn't known for his bluffing skills.



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BIG NIGHT

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HOTTEST HOT SAUCE

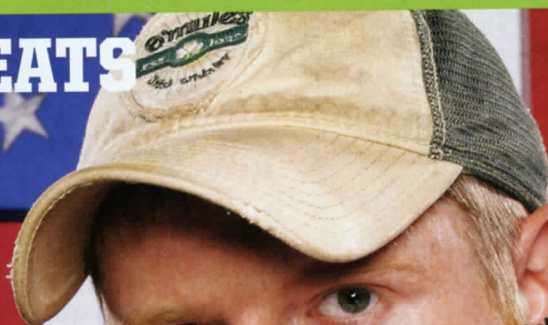
Tabasco sauce averages 8,000 on the Scoville Scale (the Richter Scale of the pepper world). Compare that to **Snake Bite Hot Sauce**, clocking in at 1,598,227! Buyers must e-mail a release, accepting all liabilities. Seriously. \$15; thechileman.org



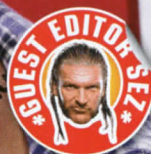
REDNECK EATS

Trevor Murdoch serves up a heart-stopping Southern delicacy.

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COUNTRY-FRIED STEAK

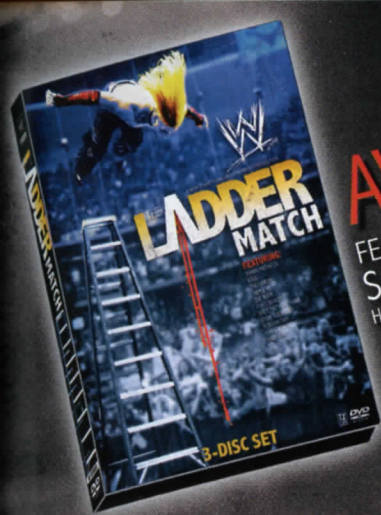
INGREDIENTS

1 pork tenderloin
2 cups flour
4 eggs

1 dash seasoned salt
6 Tbsp. vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS

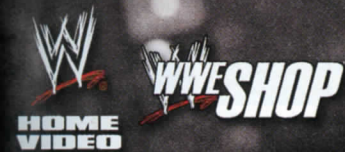
"Take the pork tenderloin and beat that sumbitch as hard as you can until it's flat as a pancake. In a bowl, add your flour and seasoned salt. In another bowl, take your eggs and stir 'em up real good. Then, take your pork and stir it into the eggs. When coated tenderloin and dip it in the eggs. When coated fully, move it into the flour bowl and then dip it and flip it until covered in flour. Then add the vegetable oil to a frying pan set on high. Once the oil starts to sizzle, add your pork and cook on each side for a total of five minutes."



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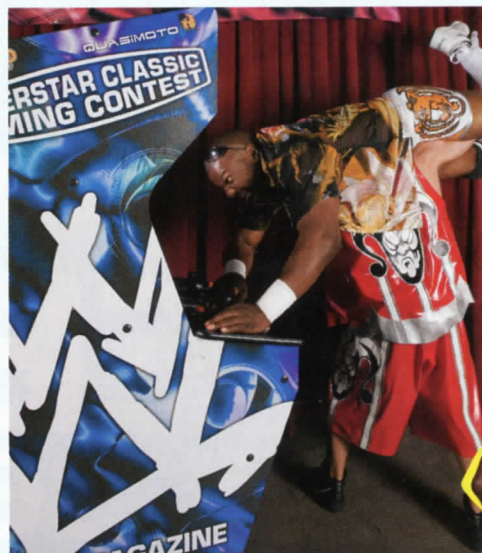
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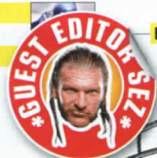


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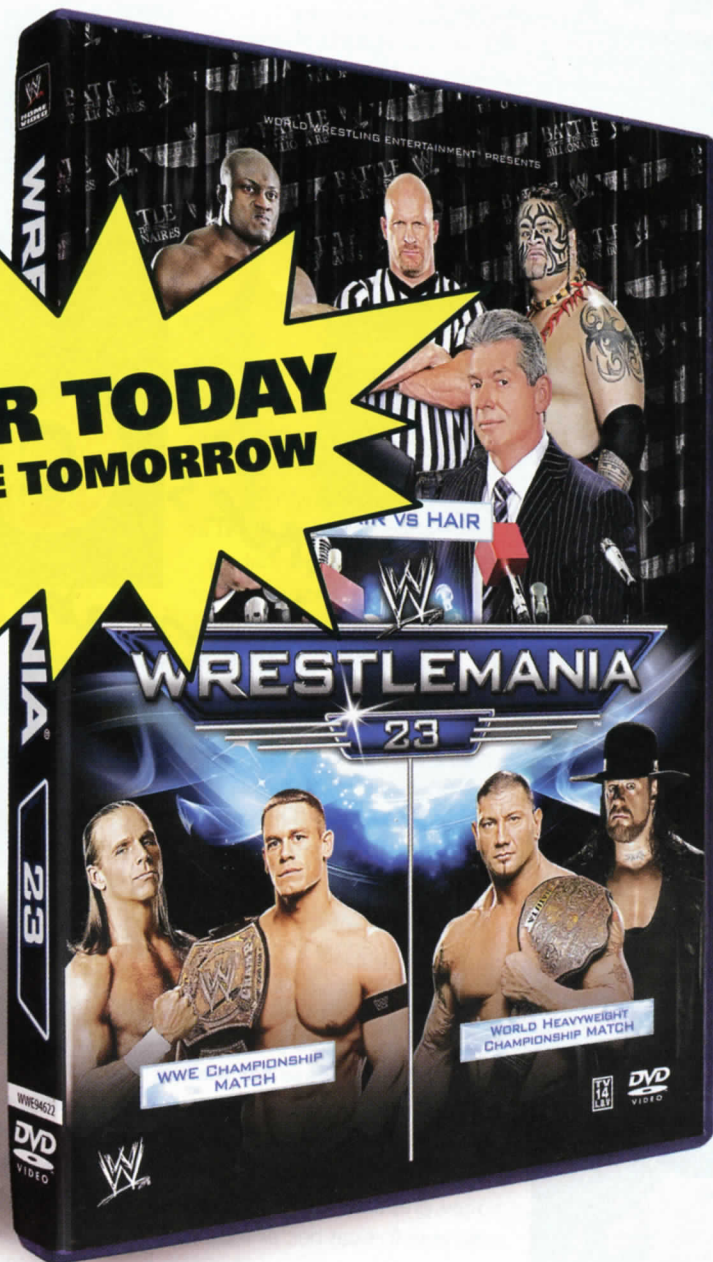
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CASH FOR QUESTIONS

This month, Maria fondles our mail sack and answers your questions about psychics, adamantium claws and...GWAR?

Have you ever gone to a psychic?

BLUE_EYED_DUDE, VIA E-MAIL

Actually, yes. Well, let me clarify that; I didn't go to her, she came to me. I was walking down the street in Miami, and a woman came up to me saying, "I have something very important to tell you." I said, "No thank you," and went on my way. Then, later on, she came back up to me and said, "Two years ago, someone put a spell on you with black magic." Then, she offered me the cure for \$400.

I'm looking for new ways to impress women. So tell me, what's the greatest date you've ever had, and why?

SHELDON L., ORLANDO, FL

To be honest, the best date I

"Wait, this isn't Sparta..."



ever had was when I went to a GWAR concert with my boyfriend. I wore a white tank top and jeans to the show, and if you know anything about GWAR, which I didn't at the time, you know that my clothes didn't stay clean for long. My face was covered in green paint, and my hair was absolutely disgusting. But

it was a good time because my boyfriend made sure to keep me safe when things got out of hand. It was great feeling the strength of a man protecting me. I had an amazing time.

Of all the WWE Divas, whose ass would you most like to kick? Please say Melina.

ROBERT HENRY, ANN ARBOR, MI

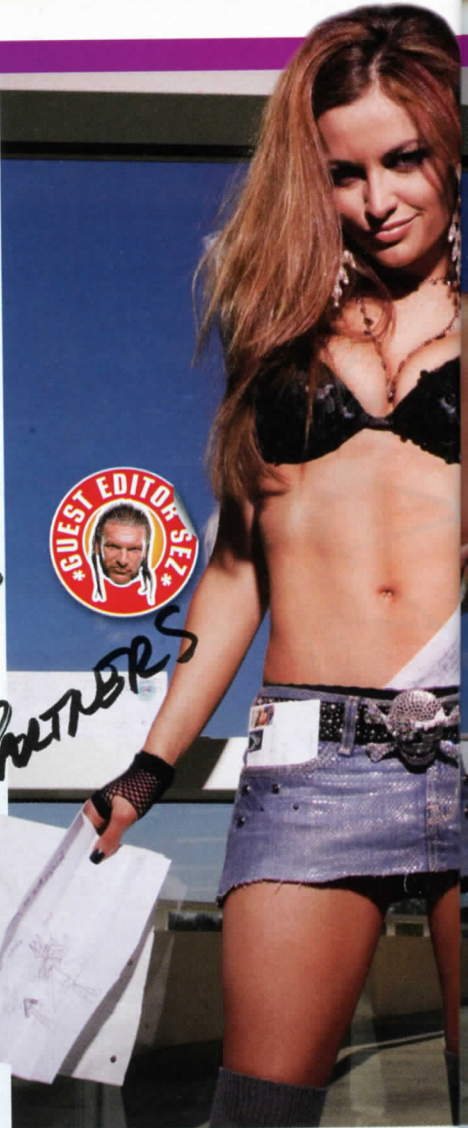
Oh yeah. I'd really like to get back into the ring with Melina. With the right preparation and training, I'd be able to beat her. And beating her would be amazing.

If you could have any super power, what would it be? My answer is always adamantium claws.

J.D.V., HOUSTON, TX

I'd like to be able to read minds, like Jean Grey from X-Men. The brain is the most private place in the world, and I'm very fascinated by it. If I could see into someone's mind, I could learn anything about them. It's a very secretive place I'd like to explore.

I have a recurring nightmare in which I'm being chased by a



crazy, scary clown who looks a lot like Doink. How can I stop this evil clown?

RICKY D., BROOKLYN, NY

You've just gotta face him. I used to be afraid of the dark until I forced myself to turn off the lights and go to sleep. I say turn around and face that clown. He might be a funny clown who wants to tell you a joke.

You're a beautiful girl, but you seem like a tomboy. Did you play with dolls or trucks as a kid?

FRANKIE SQUIRREL, BALTIMORE, MD

Both. Barbie married the G.I. Joes. I used to race cars around the house, and handed my dad his tools when he worked in the garage, but I also loved my Barbies. I was a good mix of the two.



Q WHAT'S THE MOST PAINFUL BUMP YOU'VE EVER TAKEN IN THE RING? TERRENCE P., VIA E-MAIL

A The Samoan Drop from Umaga. It hurt a lot, but I survived. I broke my thumb, which was more annoying than painful, really. And Brooke from ECW actually jacked me in the nose so hard that doctors had to glue it shut. I've been hit in the nose a lot, but it's never been broken. Knock on wood.



Now that's
priority mail.



You show the perfect amount of skin every week on *Raw*, but I've never seen any tattoos on your body. Do you have any?

VIVA_CORY_SNYDER, VIA E-MAIL

I don't. But I do feel like getting some. I want to get a star on my left wrist. My father always told me that I could be a star, and now I feel like I am. It'd be an homage to him and my mother, because they've always been my biggest supporters. I also want to get my sister and brother's names tattooed on me somewhere, too. I wouldn't put anything on my body unless it meant something to me.

What's your favorite Greek food? Are you a Bekri Meze chick?

BRIAN MATTINGLY, ST. PAUL, MN

Gyros, hands down, without a

HAD YOU WON THE \$250,000 FROM THE DIVA SEARCH, WHAT'S THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD'VE PURCHASED?

NANCY G., TOPEKA, KS

Definitely a house. Owning a home is so important because we're on the road for 300 days a year. Having some place private, a secret place away from the world, is important. Aside from a house, I would've bought a 1971 Hemi 'Cuda, and taken my sister and mom shopping. That would've been the last of the money.

doubt. I take mine with tomato, onion and, believe it or not, ketchup. Oh, but no tzatziki sauce. That stuff is gross on gyros, but great with French fries.

If you could instantly teleport to any place in the entire world, where would you go?

RUTTAGER McFALFANTOSH, GNOME, AK

My parents' house in Illinois. They have an amazing pool, and a great backyard. Plus, my family is there. My second choice would be Miami. My best friend in the entire world lives there. Either way, I'd be happy.

Is it hard for a girl like you to be friends with WWE Superstars? Some of 'em are kinda unusual.

GLENN JAMES, HELENA, MT

They're an amazing group of

people. I have friends outside the business, but it's great to have friends who understand how awesome life in WWE is. My other friends sometimes can't comprehend what life in WWE actually entails. The closest friends, though, are my family—my blood.



Got a burning question? In the coming months we'll be sorting through fan mail for Jillian Hall, Matt Striker and Johnny Nitro. Send your query to magazine@wwe.com (with the subject line, "Cash for Questions"), or send it the hard way! (Snail it to: *WWE Magazine*, 1241 E. Main St., Stamford, CT 06902.) If it doesn't suck, we'll print it—and send you 20 bucks in cold, hard spendin' cash.



DIVAS UNCENSORED

Kristal, Victoria and Maryse offer their esteemed opinions on lingerie, anniversaries and bedroom craziness.

My friends rub certain people the wrong way. My girlfriend is not a fan. I love both my buddies and my lady, so what should I do?

Maryse If it's a new girlfriend, she'll need more time to warm up to your friends. If you have a good relationship with your buddies, then they should understand when you ask them to ease up a bit until the girl gets more comfortable.

Kristal She doesn't have to love your friends, but she shouldn't badmouth them either. And they shouldn't give her reasons to hate them, like being purposely disrespectful toward her.

Victoria Exactly. You can't please everyone. A guy's friends are going to be rowdy. That's just the way the guys are.

Kristal Maybe it was just a bad first impression. That happens all the time.

Victoria Right. Give it some time and she might warm up to them.

Maryse Tell her to relax and give 'em a chance.



"Nice hedge"

When it comes to celebrating anniversaries, is it better to keep it simple, or to go over the top?

Kristal I always say keep it simple, but it might depend on which anniversary you're celebrating. Fancy gifts and expensive restaurants are nice, but I've always found that the most romantic things are usually the cheesiest—like walking on the beach together, or going to the place where you had your first date.

Victoria I'm not into celebrating meaningless anniversaries, like the three-month or the six-month, or whatever. For something like a one-year anniversary, though, I think you should go all out. It's pretty rare to see people together for more than a year these days.

Maryse Why do you want to wait for the anniversary? Go over the top when she's not expecting it. Girls love surprises.

My girlfriend has turned into an absolute slouch in the sack. How can I bring this up without pissing her off?

Kristal [laughs] It's your fault. It's always your fault.

Victoria She might be getting a bit lazy, but it's your collective responsibility to spice things up.

Maryse You definitely need to talk about it.

Kristal A girl wants to make the guy happy. We put effort into stuff like that because we think guys like it. If you don't show any appreciation, then, of course, we're gonna stop trying.

Maryse The guy is going to say it's the girl's fault, and the girl is going to blame the guy. But in the end, it's what they share between them that's important.

Victoria Watch some erotic movies together, or experiment with role-playing. You might spark up an interest.

Q As a joke, I used a coupon to pay for dinner during a date. Now the girl won't return my phone calls. Was it my bad, or should she just lighten up?

A Maryse Oh my God, no! You can't do that! That's like taking a girl to McDonald's on a first date.

Kristal It's hilarious, but I would never talk to you again.

Victoria I think it's funny. I love a guy with a good sense of humor.

Maryse Right. Just try something different. Instead of the bed, try the Jacuzzi.

Kristal Be creative, but be sensitive. That's the key.

I want to buy my girlfriend some sexy lingerie. Should I get her something with zip-pers, hooks and straps? I'm in over my head here!

Victoria The longer you're in a relationship, the more you'll learn what your girlfriend likes. But, if it's the first time you're buying her something, you want to be classy, yet suggestive, at the same time.

Kristal Go with a slip, especially if she doesn't normally wear a lot of lingerie. She'll feel more comfortable if there aren't all kinds of gadgets to unhook and unzip.

Victoria I don't know if I'd go with a slip, but a baby doll would be good. It's sexy, and simple. See how she reacts to that, then study her vibe.

Maryse I'm not going to wear a garter belt, or anything like that. It's just too hard to take off. I like my lingerie very sexy, small, and easy to take off.

Kristal Just remember, it can totally kill the mood if she can't get the thing off.

This little piggy went to the dinner table.



Ring around the rosy.



Is it gentlemanly to order dinner for a woman?

Kristal What if she's allergic to what you order? How much of a jackass would that make you?

Maryse I like guys who open doors and pull out chairs, but don't need them to order for me.

Victoria To be honest, I like it. Maybe I have a little of the '50s in me, but I don't think it's demeaning. Actually, it kinda turns me on if he's able to take control.

My girlfriend is planning a dinner party on the same day my best friend is planning a WrestleMania marathon.

Obviously, I want to go to the marathon, but I don't wanna end up in the doghouse. How can I squeeze them both in?

Kristal Don't tell her I said this, but I'd do both. Just show up late and say you got caught up.

Maryse I'd want you to be with me, of course. But I wouldn't want to keep you somewhere you didn't want to be.

Kristal You don't want to look whipped in front of your friends, you just want to honor the "commitment." Girls love that word, by the way.

Victoria I think so too.

Kristal If you do show up for the party, though, come bearing gifts.



When does he go?

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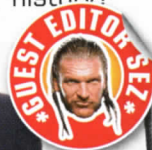


THE ULTIMATE MONDAY NIGHT WAR QUIZ

September marks the 12-year anniversary of the most brutal, heartless and significant battle in the history of sports-entertainment. Do you know your history?

1 WHERE WAS THE WCW NITRO EVENT THAT DX INVADED AND TRIED TO GAIN ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING?

- A ☐ Tallahassee, FL
- B ☐ Atlanta, GA
- C ☐ Norfolk, VA
- D ☐ Raleigh, NC



LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS MAN'S CANNON

STALLONE WAS IN DX?



"Attention: Does anyone know how to get to Arby's?"

2 IN WHAT YEAR DID THE MONDAY NIGHT WAR OFFICIALLY IGNITE?

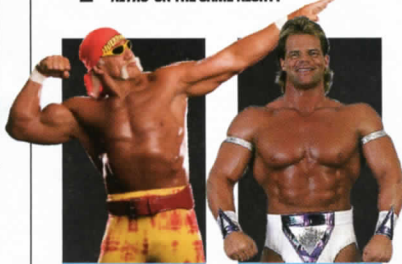
- A ☐ 1994 B ☐ 1995
- C ☐ 1996 D ☐ 1997

3 WHAT WAS THE NAME OF WCW MONGOLOID STEVE "MONGO" McMICHAEL'S PET CHIHUAHUA?

- A ☐ Chulita
- B ☐ Jose
- C ☐ Baby Doll
- D ☐ Kenneth

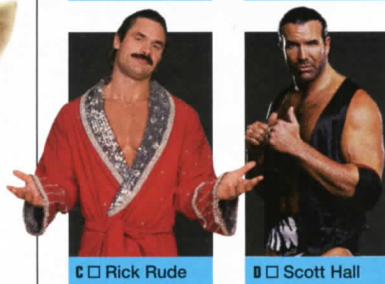


4 WHO MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST PERSON TO APPEAR ON RAW AND NITRO ON THE SAME NIGHT?



A ☐ Hulk Hogan

B ☐ Lex Luger



C ☐ Rick Rude

D ☐ Scott Hall

5

FOR HOW MANY WEEKS DID NITRO ACTUALLY DEFEAT RAW IN THE RATINGS?



A ☐ 24

B ☐ 75

C ☐ 84

D ☐ 90



STRAPPED FOR TRASH

6 WHO INFAMOUSLY THREW THE WWE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE GARBAGE ON MONDAY NITRO?

- A ☐ Bull Nakano B ☐ Bertha Faye
- C ☐ Alundra Blayze D ☐ Sunny



7 WCW MONDAY NITRO WAS BROADCAST FROM WHAT LOCATION EVERY YEAR DURING SPRING BREAK?

- A ☐ Panama City Beach, FL
 B ☐ Las Vegas, NV
 C ☐ Cancún, Mexico
 D ☐ New Orleans, LA

BASH AT THE BEACH

8 TRUE OR FALSE

MR. McMAHON MADE AN OPEN CHALLENGE TO FIGHT ERIC BISCHOFF ON AN EPISODE OF RAW.



10

APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY VIEWERS SWITCHED CHANNELS FROM NITRO TO RAW WHEN WCW ANNOUNCER TONY SCHIAVONE REVEALED THAT MICK FOLEY WOULD BE WINNING THE WWE TITLE?

11 WHICH OF THESE SPOOF CHARACTERS WAS NOT CREATED BY WWE IN AN EFFORT TO MOCK WCW?

- A ☐ The Huckster B ☐ Nacho Man
 C ☐ Scheme Gene D ☐ Snot Hall

12 WHEN RAW'S CUMULATIVE MONDAY NIGHT RATING BEAT NITRO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO YEARS, WHAT WAS THE SHOW'S ANNOUNCED MAIN EVENT?



Terry Funk Mick Foley



Stone Cold Mr. McMahon



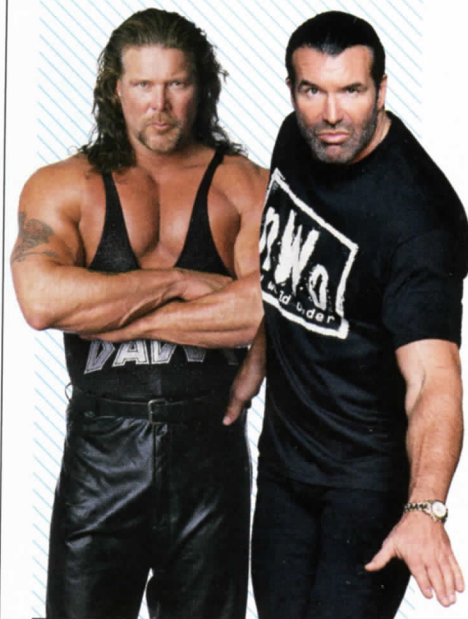
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Triple H Shawn Michaels

13 WHEN WWE DEFECTORS KEVIN NASH AND SCOTT HALL INVADDED WCW, WHAT DID THEY CALL THEIR TAG TEAM?

- A ☐ The Outsiders B ☐ The Bad Guys
 C ☐ Oozing Diesel D ☐ The Crew



14 ON WHICH DATE DID MR. McMAHON END THE MONDAY NIGHT WAR AND PURCHASE WCW?

- A ☐ February 30, 2000 B ☐ September 12, 2000
 C ☐ March 23, 2001 D ☐ May 30, 2001

9 PLACE THESE WCW DEFECTORS IN ORDER, FROM FIRST TO LAST, BASED ON THEIR WWE TV DEBUTS.



A ☐ Chris Jericho



B ☐ Big Show



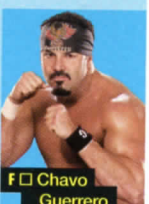
C ☐ Eddie Guerrero



D ☐ William Regal



E ☐ Diamond Dallas Page



F ☐ Chavo Guerrero

600,000
 500,000
 400,000
 300,000

15 IN WHICH ARENA WAS THE FIRST WCW NITRO TELECAST?

A ☐ Mall of America

B ☐ Madison Square Garden

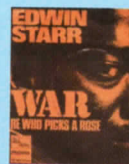
C ☐ Verizon Center

D ☐ Georgia Dome

WHICH WAR DID YOU WAGE?



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The Milagro Bearfield War



4-7
Edwin Starr's "War"



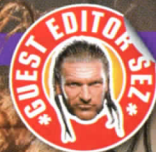
8-11
Marvel's Secret Wars



12-14
War of the Worlds



15
Star Wars



UNDER MARIA'S HOOD

Treat your (other) baby right with these maintenance tips from our delicious Diva.

CHANGE THE OIL

"The frequency of oil changes really depends on the type of car you drive. If you have an older car or a high-performance vehicle, you'll probably need to change the oil more often. With a luxury car, you can probably get away with not changing the oil for longer. When oil gets gross and corroded, it really starts to mess with your car, especially the engine. Oil helps lubricate your car and, well, as we all know, you need good lubrication."

KICK THE TIRES

"Always check your tires before you go on a road trip. Tires get very hot on long trips and the heat worsens minor problems. Look for little things that wouldn't stand out right away, like cracks in the rubber or pebbles in the grooves. These small annoyances can cause major damage. Also, if you notice that the outer edges of the tires are beginning to wear, have them rotated before a long trip."

GIVE THE CAR A WORKOUT

"Sometimes, the best way to work the cobwebs out of a car is to push the limits and take it a bit faster than you normally would. Squeal the tires, push the engine—things like that. This gets everything moving and gives you a better understanding of how the car's running."

LISTEN TO HER

"A lot of people blast music and don't pay attention to the sounds their cars make. You have to listen to your car, because it'll tell you if something's wrong. The other day, someone told me that when he turned his wheel hard, he could hear a knocking noise. Turns out it was caused by a lack of power steering fluid."

MARIA,
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
ABOUT
HUMMERS



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HUMMER H3 ALPHA

Somewhere in the California governor's mansion, the Arnold is smoking a Cuban and shedding a solitary tear for the HUMMER H1—the military Humvee that's no longer for sale to civilians. Taking the vehicle's place is the newest version of the **HUMMER H3**. Previously offered with only a 220-horsepower five-cylinder, the **Alpha** boasts a 295hp, 5.3-liter V8 that's able to tow 6,000 lbs. The much-needed upgrade not only means that a 0-60 mph run requires three fewer seconds (eight versus 11), but also that the H3 now can live up to its grandpappy's legacy. hummer.com

KEY SPECS

ENGINE V8
YEAR 2008
PRICE \$35,000 (EST.)
0-60 8 SECONDS



Q WHAT EXACTLY IS HORSE-POWER?

BURNING QUESTION!

A James Watt coined the term horsepower after calculating the amount of work a strong horse could perform. He concluded that one horsepower equals 33,000 lbs. ft./minute. In other words: lifting 33,000 pounds, or the equivalent of one Kirstie Alley asscheek, a distance of one foot per minute, expends one horsepower. So, in the automobile world, hp is simply a way of conveying the power harnessed by a car. Today, vehicles typically have 125 to 300 horsepower, but high-performance vehicles can boast upwards of 400. Giddy up.

JEEP LIBERTY

When it debuted in 2002, the **Liberty** promised to deliver **Jeep's** four-wheel-drive features in a smaller, more city-fied package. Only problem: the vehicle's chassis and circular headlights looked too cutesy for guys to take it seriously. Well, engineers finally toughened it up, removing the soft arcs in favor of sharp edges. Choose the Sky Slider option and most of the Liberty's roof is replaced by a waterproof canvas. Standard Hill Start Assist and Hill Descent control are handy for tackling rougher terrain. And the expanded cargo and passenger space enhance the Liberty's more grown-up look. Jeep.com

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HOW TO DO **EVERYTHING**



HOW TO DEAL WITH A BULLY

Whether he's in the classroom or the office, you've gotta stick up for yourself. It is a "he," right?

1 STAND STRONG

"The first thing a bully looks for is someone with don't-pick-on-me body language," says Sam Horn, author of *Take the Bully by the Horns*. "Slinking down says, 'I'm afraid of you, come after me.'" So pick your head up, and pull your shoulders back. Good posture pays.

2 GATHER EVIDENCE

Bullies get away with crap because there's rarely proof to indict them. So whip out your cell phone camera and start filming or snapping pictures of the action. In the working world, if a co-worker curses at you, start taking notes. They'll make a great anonymous gift for your HR director.

3 GET PHYSICAL

The last thing you want is an actual fight. If the guy touches you, say, "I'm walking away—this is elementary school stuff." But, if he crosses that line, you're within your rights to defend yourself. Next time, he'll pick on a kid who doesn't read *WWE Magazine*.

4 REHEARSE YOUR COMEBACKS

When the jerk starts with the insults, be ready with a retort. "Bullies can give it, but they can't take it," says Horn. "Mocking the bully makes him the outsider." Solid, snarky responses include, "Got anything new?"; "Make it quick, I have Muay Thai class"; and "It's cool that your mother's a clown."





DOMINATE FANTASY FOOTBALL

Because finishing lower than your kid sister every year is getting embarrassing.

KNOW THE SYSTEM

"How points are awarded affects the relative value of running backs, quarterbacks and wideouts," says Scott Burton, editor of ESPN's annual fantasy football guide. If QB TDs are worth as much as RB TDs, that favors guys like Peyton Manning. If players get points per reception, Steven Jackson, Terry Glenn and Andre Johnson get a bump.

PRIORITIZE POSITIONS

"Load up on running backs and receivers in the first five rounds," advises Burton. RBs are the most dependable point-scorers, and some leagues require three starting WRs. Meanwhile, after Manning, QB numbers flatten out. Last year's No. 2, Drew Brees, had 270 points, while No. 9 Philip Rivers had 205. You can get a guy like him in round 6.

CHECK FOR CHANGES

Wideout performance can vary from year to year, so do your homework. If a guy has history with a QB—think Chad Johnson and Carson Palmer—he's more likely to repeat big numbers than a brand-new tandem, like Randy Moss or Tom Brady. And always be wary of rookies—their numbers are rarely predictable.

WATCH THE WAIVER WIRE

Trades almost never happen in fantasy football, so check rotoworld.com regularly to find available breakout performers. If you'd been the first to know when Clinton Portis got hurt last year, you could've snagged his backup, Ladell Betts, who finished the season with more than 1,600 total yards. Yeah, that would've helped.



SUCK UP TO TEACHERS

They have the power to send you to detention and...gasp...summer school. Time to turn on the charm.

CHAT 'EM UP

"Simply saying 'Hello' to teachers when you walk in the classroom does wonders because so many kids don't bother," says Marcie Stoner, a New Jersey middle school teacher with the greatest last name ever. Bonus: Learn something about the teacher—their favorite band, sports team, movie—and converse.

DO

TRY TOO HARD

Tagging along behind a teacher like a parasite reeks of brown-nosing—it hurts more than it helps, in both the grading and wedgie categories.

DON'T

FESS UP

"If you do something wrong, don't make excuses—we've heard them all," says Stoner. "Take the heat, apologize, and redeem yourself by helping out after class."

DO

SLACK TOO MUCH

Taking notes, keeping schoolwork organized, and stopping by for extra help shows you actually care. Come grading time, the impression of diligence can influence a teacher's discretionary "bonus" column.

DON'T

ASK FOR EXTRA HELP

"Coming in for extra help an hour-and-a-half before the test? That's bad," says Stoner. "It looks like you're just pressing to get answers." Which, of course, is true.

DO





GAME FOR THE JOB?

He can't be reasoned with. He doesn't feel pity, remorse or fear. And he will not stop until he lands the title of *WWE Magazine* Editor-in-Chief. In his job application, Triple H fields all questions about his past, present and future. Interview by **John Mihaly** Photography by **F. Scott Schafer**

Name	Known aliases
Triple H	"The Game," the King of Kings, the Cerebral Assassin, Terra Ryzin
Position applied for	
WWE Magazine Editor-in-Chief	
References Please list any former employers or associates that can speak to your skills and abilities:	
KILLER KOWALSKI My trainer always kept a bag of local phone books in a supermarket plastic bag, and if you screwed up bad enough he would	



hit you in the back of the head when you didn't see it coming. I didn't get hit. Ever. I listened to him.

SHAWN MICHAELS He's been around to see every side of me. He's been my friend, he's been my enemy, he's stood on the same side of the ring, he's stood at the opposite side of the ring from me. He's seen it all. So if anyone would know about what I'm about it would be the Heartbreak Kid.

Please indicate your proficiency in the following skills by circling your level of expertise:

Microsoft Word

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

Adobe InDesign

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

Conducting interviews

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

Sledgehammering

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

Obscene Gesturing

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

Water Spitting

Novice | Intermediate | Expert

How big of a wrestling fan are you?

I can distinctly remember that the first wrestler I ever saw was Chief Jay Strongbow. I was 5 years old, if that, and my dad had the TV on. He was changing channels and he just stopped. I think I had a football helmet on and I was playing with a plastic football. I remember taking the helmet off, putting the football down and sitting on the couch next to him, thinking, "This is the greatest thing I've ever seen." When I was 12 or 13, I actually got Strongbow's autograph, which I still have.

List any work-related injuries that should be considered in job placement:

My torn right quadriceps, while still a bad injury, wasn't as bad as when I tore my other quadriceps back in 2001. Dr. James Andrews looked at that injury and told me I might not be able to wrestle ever again. With this quadriceps injury, from earlier in the year, the muscle was torn completely off, but it was torn in a way in which the doctors could get a good attach location. Quite honestly, the rehab was the same, but the results came quicker. But I still needed to get into wrestling shape. That's the same process, and there's the same frustration level. Every now and then you get cocky, and you think you're fine. Then something happens where you have to catch yourself and you realize that you're not ready yet. That's the frustrating part.

What new skills have you learned in the past six months?

Being a dad. Changing a diaper. It's easy at first because the kid doesn't wiggle around as much. It gets more challenging when they get older, the poop gets bigger and they start to move a whole lot faster.

What television shows, films, music or Web sites have you sought out in the past six months?

I don't really watch much TV. I'm kind of a boring guy like that. I haven't had an opportunity to see a whole lot of new shows. I did watch *LOST* a little bit. I don't know why people would be ashamed to say it, but I watch *Grey's Anatomy*. It's good writing. It's a well-written show.

Vacation days required?

You can talk about taking time off in the business, but there's always a big show or the next PPV. I'm a big believer that when you're on top, there's a large workload and a lot of responsibility in that position. To me, that's why John Cena is in the position he is in. Love him or hate him, Cena is one of the hardest-working guys I've seen in my life. I have the utmost respect for him, but that doesn't mean I'm not going to kick his ass and take his title.

Explain a workplace-related issue that causes you trouble:

I see a million guys who think, "I'm the best of the new guys." Well, that's not saying much. Do you want to be the best of the new guys, or do you want to be the best guy here? They sit back and they're just waiting for somebody to make them a star. No body makes you a star, you make yourself a star. When the fans are going crazy for you whether positively or negatively then you have something to promote. No one made Triple H. I did. The problem is a lack of patience. Early on in my career, I was very impatient and wanted to be more than I was ready to be. But as time went on, I was glad I didn't get it so early, because I wasn't ready. Now guys come in the door and half of them don't have a clue. I see guys on TV, against the likes of Ric Flair, and they simply can't capitalize on that. If you can't capitalize on working with one of the biggest stars ever in the history of this business, you're not doing something right. You need to evaluate what you're doing and stop blaming everybody else.

Rewrite the following scenario: Triple H suffers a devastating injury by tearing his quadriceps muscle on May 21, 2001, and is unable to defend WWE against the WCW invasion.

WWE kicked their asses, if I remember right. It would have turned out the same way were I there sooner. I think I would have been at the forefront and been considered a figurehead right along with Austin. DX fired the first shot, right? We won the war, but there was the one last battle to squash it. It was still satisfying, but I wish I had been there to put my stamp on it.

Please edit the following statement: "The New Breed is not enough. There need to be more stables in WWE like the Four Horsemen and DX."

I think stables are great when they're done well. The problem is, I don't think very many guys know how to make them work. There have been many stables and groups and packages of guys over the years. But there's really only a few groups that fans remember—the Horsemen, DX, Evolution. It's not an easy thing to do, and I don't think many guys understand the formula and how to make it work.

Respond to this statement: "The best song from Motörhead's *Ace of Spades* album is 'The Chase is Better than the Catch.'"

Arguably, "Ace of Spades" is the best song on *Ace of Spades*. It's their biggest hit ever. If you ask Lemmy, he'll tell you something else because he hates playing "Ace of Spades." He's been playing it for more than 25 years, and he has to play it every time because people want to hear it.

Which of the following is the correct spelling of a WWE Superstar's name?

- ☐ A Boogie Man ☒ B Boogeyman ☐ C Boogyman ☐ D Boogieman

If you could interview any individual for *WWE Magazine*, past or present, who would it be?

Andre the Giant. I never got to meet him, but I've been told that we would have gotten along really well. Andre was truly the first global star in the wrestling business. He just did it in a different way. The world was a bigger place then, and Andre went to all those places and became the biggest thing they'd ever seen. I would just like to hear his take on the business and his philosophy. A lot of people don't give Andre credit for being the wrestler that he was. He led a tough life, too. From an everyday standpoint...the world was smaller, things were smaller, cars were smaller, girls were smaller. When Andre went to Japan, he couldn't sit on the toilet because it couldn't hold his weight. I would like to have known him.

Which WWE Superstar should be on our next cover?

Do they have to have their clothes on? If they can have their clothes off, it would have to be the Divas. But really, you have to give Shawn a cover. I don't want him to feel bad because I just did one and he didn't. Shawn will always be good for a cover story.

Which WWE Superstar should never be seen on the cover of *WWE Magazine*?

Snitsky. Unless he decides to brush his teeth. If he brushes his teeth, and gets some kind of whitening procedure done, I might think about it. But that man has been beaten with the ugly stick.

What don't you like about *WWE Magazine*?

I think in the quest to be entertaining, it can get a bit goofy and silly. But I'd go goofy if I had to write for this magazine every day.

Which WWE Superstar are you most looking forward to working with?

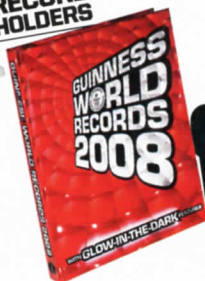
I think Mr. Kennedy is very talented. He's one of those guys who's stepped up and risen to every challenge. He's challenged himself to get better, and to excel when given an opportunity to shine. I look forward to working with him.

What's the one question that every WWE Superstar should be asked?

"What would you do if you weren't wrestling?" If a guy can come up with an answer to that question quickly, he probably doesn't have that much passion for the business. When I did the first round of *Tough Enough*, it was the first question I asked. I was waiting for somebody to say to me, "Well, I don't know, but no matter what, I'm going to be a wrestler—I'm going to find another way to get in, and if this way doesn't work, I'll find another way to make it happen because it's what I want to do, and I'm not going to take no for an answer." Nobody said that. Everybody said, "Well, I'll go back to school or get a job and do this or that." Those were not the answers I was looking for.

Total metal head.





WWE GUINNESS

The keepers of world records have added seven WWE-related achievements to their latest tome. Stuart Claxton, Official North American Spokesman and Head of Research, tells us which feats made the cut. By **Matt Berical**

Why were these seven WWE records chosen for the 2008 edition?

We try to focus on the newest material and the most striking or important extremes within a certain category. In WWE, such things as the youngest and oldest champions are obviously important demarcations in terms of the nature of the athletes that compete. When it comes to people like The Rock and Trish Stratus, who each have held seven championships, those are important records in the world of WWE.

Why so many records focusing on the Royal Rumble?

Because the Rumble is such an enormous event, with 30 people participating. It's such a visual and interesting competition that we thought it was important.

Many records are not included in here, like Longest Championship Reign. What gives?

We have more than 45,000 records in our database and we can't put in everything. So the formula is to rotate what's included so we can eventually give everything a nod. We try to keep the book as fresh as possible.

The '08 edition contains more WWE records than any other. What's with all the love?

The reason WWE has been given more prominence is that it's been around for quite some time, but also because the content is interesting to us. And we know there's an interest out there.

Along with the new WWE records, what are some of the other first-timers in this edition?

The X-Games. Some of the records included in this section are Danny Way's 79-foot air on a skateboard. Another new category is Forensic Science. After looking at pop culture and all the interest in *CSI*, we thought it would be fun to include categories like: The

Most Criminals Identified By One Artist's Drawings, which is held by Lois Gibson of Texas with 523.

What's the process that the average Joe Schmo has to go through to get a record reviewed by Guinness World Records?

It's simple. We receive about 60,000 letters a year from people wanting to get into the book. But records must be verifiable, measurable, and, by definition, breakable. Then we look at each person on a case-by-case basis. Anyone can fill out an application at our Web site, guinnessworldrecords.com; just click on the "break a world record" button. About 15 people sort through the records and hopefully get back to you within four to six weeks.

What record is the GWR staff really, really waiting to see broken?

The record for the World's Tallest Living Man hadn't been broken for many years and we were all anxious about that. But Bao Xishun from China finally broke it in 2005.

In all your years at GWR, do you have any favorite records?

My favorite is the first one I judged, which was the longest ramp-to-ramp jump on a motorcycle. It was broken in 2000 by Jason Rennie. Jason had re-mortgaged his entire house and he'd built all the ramps in his backyard where he was jumping. So we were all there watching him and on the first attempt he was a couple of feet short. On the second attempt, he equaled the current record. By this time it was getting dark and had started to drizzle. Despite all this, he broke the record by two feet on his third attempt and became the new record-holder with 253 feet. It summarizes what we're about. He was just a normal guy hell-bent on doing an extraordinary thing. The point is that anyone out there can be in this book. You don't have to be The Rock.



World's tallest and world's most argylest man.

Danny Way stars on the next *CSI*: X-Games.

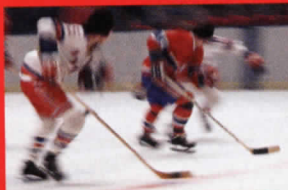


BROKEN RECORDS

Achievements that have been broken again and again and again. *GWR* research guru, Stuart Claxton, explains.

LONGEST ICE HOCKEY ENDURANCE MARATHON

"For a while, it was broken two or three times per year. The last time it was broken was in 2005, and it stands at 240 hours."



LARGEST GAME OF LEAPFROG

"We receive a claim for this about once per month. The largest game of leapfrog was set in 2006 and had 1,197 participants."



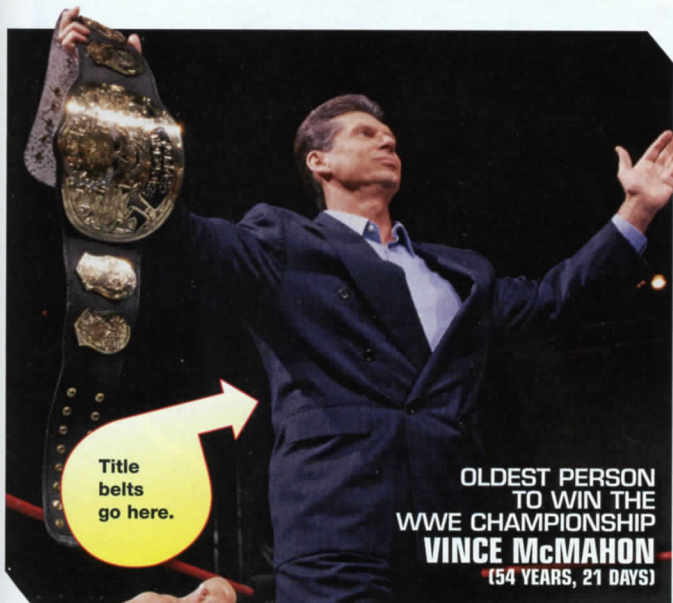
MOST PHONE BOOKS TORN IN THREE MINUTES

"This has been broken eight times since 2001 and currently stands at 56 phone books in three minutes, each 1,006 pages long."

WORLD RECORDS!

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

The WWE entries that made the cut for the '08 edition.



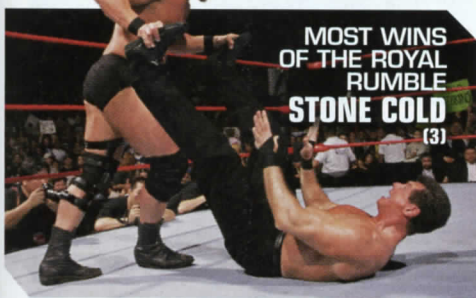
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OLDEST PERSON TO WIN THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP
VINCE McMAHON
(54 YEARS, 21 DAYS)



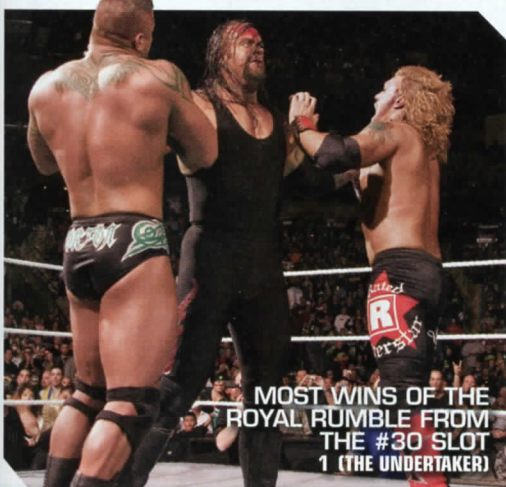
"Is this ALL chocolate?"

YOUNGEST WINNER OF THE WWE CHAMPIONSHIP
BROCK LESNAR
(25 YEARS, 44 DAYS)

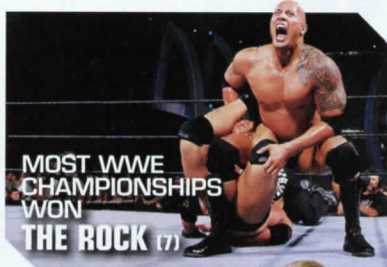


MOST WINS OF THE ROYAL RUMBLE
STONE COLD
(3)

MOST CONSECUTIVE ROYAL RUMBLE WINS TIE: STONE COLD, HULK HOGAN, SHAWN MICHAELS (2)



MOST WINS OF THE ROYAL RUMBLE FROM THE #30 SLOT
1 (THE UNDERTAKER)



MOST WWE CHAMPIONSHIPS WON
THE ROCK (11)

MOST WWE WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS WON
TRISH STRATUS (7)



COUNT OUT!

Peep these little-known stats about the big book of facts.



198

Pages in the first edition of Guinness World Records.

20

Languages in which Guinness World Records is printed.

1956

Year first U.S. edition was published.

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Cost, in dollars, of the first Guinness World Records. It was originally conceptualized as a marketing play for the Guinness Brewery.

People who are responsible for sorting through requests sent by aspiring record breakers.

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60,000

Entries received per year from wannabe recordholders.

Cost, in dollars, of "fast-tracking" a record attempt. The fee ensures that you will be contacted within a few days.

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Countries in which Guinness World Records is distributed.

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45,000

Records stored in the Guinness World Records archive. Only a small percentage of them are listed in the annual book.

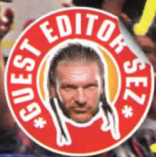
25 MOMENTS THAT CHANGED WWE HISTORY

Just as the flapping of a butterfly's wings can cause a tornado, the smallest actions can spur on seismic shifts in sports-entertainment. As proof, we offer this definitive list of people and events that created today's WWE.

25 A SUPERSTAR IS BORN 01/23/84

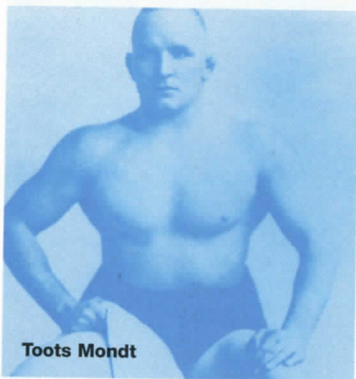
Every era has its stars, the top card talent who pack arenas night after night. Names like Lou Thesz, Bob Backlund and Bruno Sammartino come to mind. But it was the night Hulk Hogan defeated the Iron Sheik in Madison Square Garden that the modern wrestling Superstar was truly born. Overnight, the regional heroes of yesteryear made way for charismatic, larger-than-life national phenoms, as Superstars like the Hulkster, Randy "Macho Man" Savage, Jake "The Snake" Roberts and the Ultimate Warrior invaded the living rooms of millions of families across the country. With Hulkamania unleashed on the world, there was no bottling it back up again.

1st WWE Superstar



24 WRESTLING GETS UP OFF THE MAT

In the 1920s, wrestling matches lasted for hours, with the competitors rarely ever getting off the mat. Attendance ultimately bottomed out. Then, from the cornfields of Iowa emerged Toots Mondt, a promoter with a vision for a faster, more exciting style of wrestling. Calling it "Slam Bang Western Style Wrestling," his method showcased flashier moves, like the dropkick and the suplex. Soon, Mondt began booking wrestling feuds, establishing time limits, and exploiting fan favorites and antagonists. He set the foundation for what is the standard in sports-entertainment today.



Toots Mondt



22 "THE BODY" MOVES INTO THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION 01/04/99

With his feather boas and earrings, "The Body"'s fashion sense was louder than his commentating. But after retiring, Ventura pursued a career in politics, serving as mayor of Brooklyn Park, MN, from 1991 to 1995. In 1998, he won the Minnesota gubernatorial race as an Independent. It was the first time a Superstar had held a major public office—and it showed that wrestlers can be as brainy as they are brawny.

21 THE ROCK 'N' WRESTLING CONNECTION

During the early '80s, WWE tag-teamed with MTV to deliver a one-two combo of music and sports-entertainment that was instrumental in bringing both entities to the masses. Cyndi Lauper and Mr. T began mashing it up on WWE, and Capt. Lou Albano and Roddy Piper were appearing in music videos. Timbaland's "Throw It On Me" video continues the tradition today.



Verne Gagne



20 THE LEGEND TRAINER

There are many wrestlers-turned-trainers who have transformed mere mortals into legends of the ring. However, no one has approached the success of Verne Gagne, the owner, promoter and star of the American Wrestling Association from 1960 to 1991. The list of alumni who've graduated from his esteemed wrestling school reads like a hall of fame induction ceremony: Ric Flair, Curt Hennig, Bob Backlund, Ricky Steamboat, the Iron Sheik, Jimmy Valiant, Sgt. Slaughter and Jimmy Snuka...to name just a few.

19

FREEBIRDS MAKE AN ENTRANCE

In the early 1980s, Michael "P.S." Hayes, Terry "Bam Bam" Gordy, and Buddy "Jack" Roberts formed the Fabulous Freebirds. The trio made its illustrious ring entrance one fateful night to the strains of Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Freebird." The crowd reaction to the song was so powerful that Superstar theme music soon became commonplace, if not compulsory. Without the Freebirds, there'd be no "Sexy Boy."



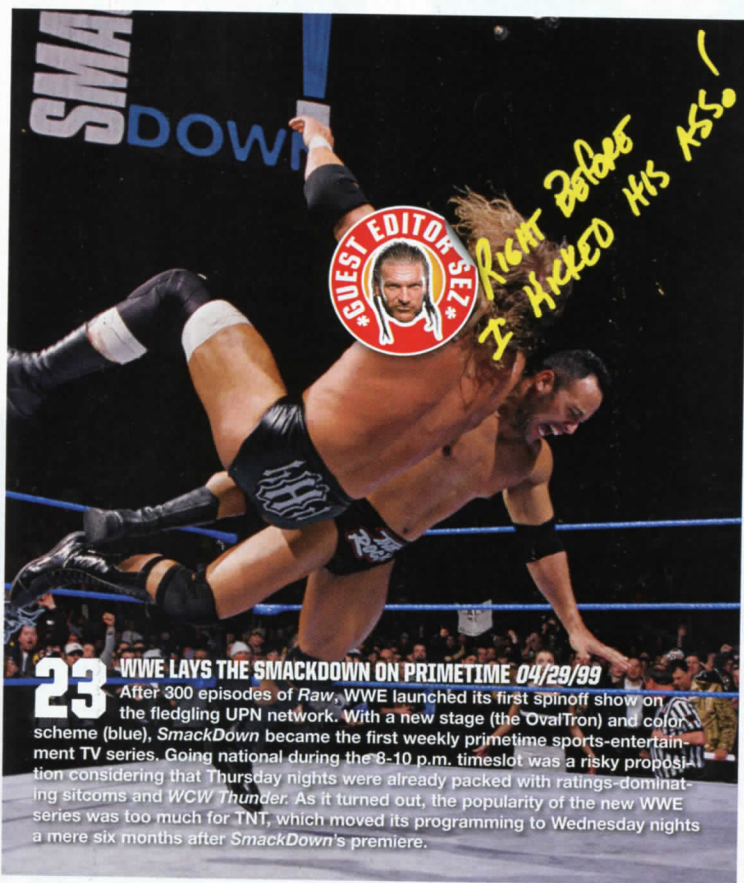
"I WAS THERE."

MICHAEL "P.S." HAYES

"Terry Gordy would say, 'Ah hell, Michael, I don't know—mixing music and wrestling?' But I had this idea since I was 15 years old. The people at the wrestling matches were the same people I would see at concerts, and I knew there was a marriage there. Once I convinced Terry, I had to convince the promoters. The first one I tried it on said, 'They're on those marijuana pills ain't they?'"

23 WWE LAYS THE SMACKDOWN ON PRIMETIME 04/29/99

After 300 episodes of *Raw*, WWE launched its first spinoff show on the fledgling UPN network. With a new stage (the OvalTron) and color scheme (blue), *SmackDown* became the first weekly primetime sports-entertainment TV series. Going national during the 8-10 p.m. timeslot was a risky proposition considering that Thursday nights were already packed with ratings-dominating sitcoms and *WCW Thunder*. As it turned out, the popularity of the new WWE series was too much for TNT, which moved its programming to Wednesday nights a mere six months after *SmackDown*'s premiere.



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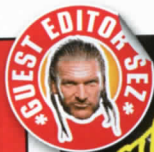
PIPER OPENS HIS MOUTH...AND THE PIT 01/24/84

Accepting that Rowdy Roddy Piper's big mouth could not be silenced, WWE put his flapper to good use in the form of the talk show, "Piper's Pit." The segment was responsible for some of sports-entertainment's most infamous moments, from Piper smashing a coconut on Jimmy Snuka's head to his dousing of Morton Downey Jr. with a fire extinguisher. Let's not forget that The Pit also saw Andre the Giant challenge Hulk Hogan for a title match at *WrestleMania III*, and more recently, The Boogeyman's ingestion of Jillian Hall's mole. Even today, it remains the standard for talk shows within the show. Take notice, Edge.

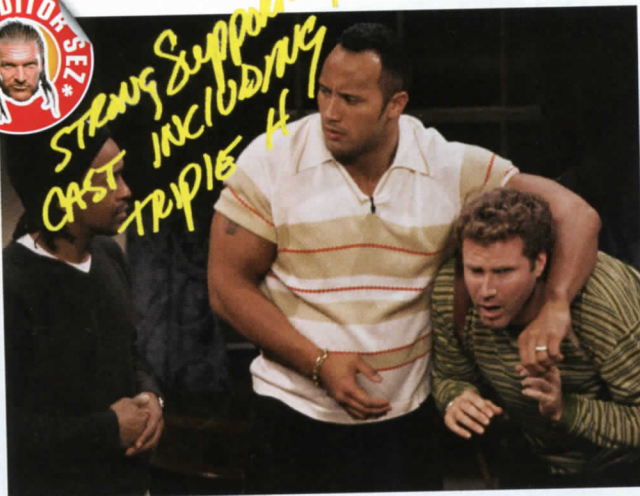
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CRUISERWEIGHTS TAKE FLIGHT 11/06/94

Brian Pillman won the first-ever Cruiserweight Championship in WCW on 10/27/91. But it was three years later, when WCW joined with AAA, a Mexican wrestling promotion, that high-flying lucha libre wrestling was introduced to American audiences. At the one-shot pay-per-view, *When Worlds Collide*, the promotions showcased the awesome talents of Eddie Guerrero and Rey Mysterio. It's probably what inspired Paul Heyman to bring Mysterio and Psicosis to ECW, where the duo performed a series of Mexican Death matches. Soon after, WCW breathed new life into their cruiserweight division and the belt that debuted back in '91, is still alive and well on *SmackDown* today.



Strong Supporting Cast including Triple H



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THE ROCK BRINGS THE FUNNY 03/18/00

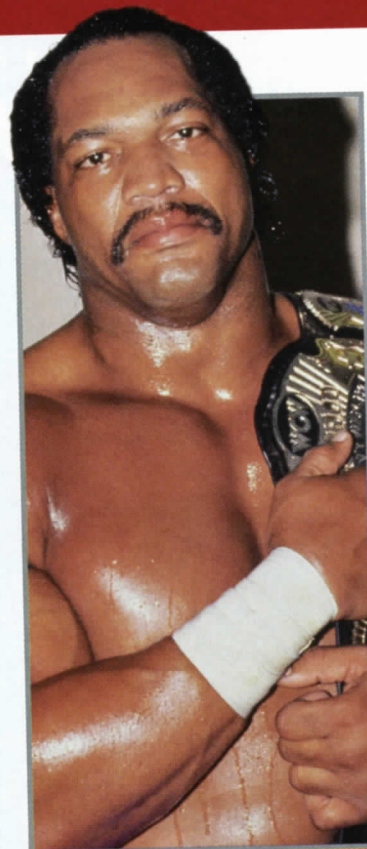
It used to be that Superstars who appeared in films and on TV shows were typecast as one-dimensional tough guys. Then the People's Champ hosted *Saturday Night Live*, where he delivered huge ratings and big laughs, and outperformed such wooden athlete-hosts as Derek Jeter, Tom Brady and Wayne Gretzky. As a result, The Rock's acting career shot into the Hollywood A-List stratosphere, and current WWE Superstars are getting the chance to grapple with roles that are a bit meatier than Cyborg No. 2.



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WRESTLING GETS CAGEY 07/02/37

Back in the day, Houston promoter Paul Boesch proposed a unique way for Jack Bloomfield and Count Petro Rossi to settle their feud—surround the ring with chicken wire to keep them in and others out. It worked, becoming the first official cage match in wrestling history. Alternate versions of the cage were created, but it wasn't until the late '60s that Freddie Blassie and promoter Mike LeBell added the stipulation for a wrestler to climb over the top or walk through the door.



14

NEW CHAMPIONS BREAK BARRIERS 02/08/71, 08/02/92

Ron Simmons and Pedro Morales are the Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente of sports-entertainment, having broken records and racial barriers as the first African-American and Latino World Champions, respectively. Morales won the WWE Championship in 1971, and Simmons snagged the WCW title in 1992. That's correct: they're the guys whom Eddie Guerrero, Rey Mysterio, King Booker, Bobby Lashley, The Rock, and all fans, have to thank for WWE's incredible diversity today.

"I WAS THERE."

RON SIMMONS

"Winning the title was a surprise to me. I was scheduled to be in the second or third match on the card, but my name was thrown in a sack for a raffle to determine the number one contender against Vader. My name was drawn, and I won—and that's how it really took place. Even today I'm still in awe of it. I love being the example because it opened the doors for others. I would also like to think that not only blacks, but people of any color would be proud of me and how I carried myself throughout my career."



13 THE HORSEMEN BUILD A STABLE 01/86

In 1986, Ric Flair, Tully Blanchard, Arn and Ole Anderson, along with their manager, James J. Dillon, founded what's possibly the most influential faction in sports-entertainment history. The Four Horsemen worked as a cohesive unit; where one Horseman rode, the others followed, often leaving carnage in their wakes. Through the years, members would come and go, and yet entrance into this elite club almost always guaranteed Superstardom. Brian Pillman, Dean Malenko, Sid Vicious, and Barry Windham, all found success as Horsemen. Without the formation of this stable of studs, there would be no D-Generation X, nWo, Evolution or the New Breed. Unthinkable.



11 THE END OF THE WAR 03/26/01

WCW fans who tuned into their regularly scheduled programming on March 26, 2001, were treated to the impossible: a smug Mr. McMahon's announcing the final broadcast of *Nitro*. The show was simulcast with *Raw*, and by the end of the evening, the Monday Night War was officially over. The WWE rosters surged with an infusion of new talent that included Rey Mysterio, King Booker, Gregory Helms, Chavo Guerrero and Torrie Wilson.

"I WAS THERE."

KING BOOKER

"When the nWo came on, it made Vince McMahon look to another strategy. He played with a good strategy and it worked out for him, but I think it made everybody step up the bar and think a little bit differently about the business. WCW gave me the chance of being the Champion and having the people buying into Booker T in that role. If WCW never folded, I would have probably retired in WCW because I did a whole lot for them and the company was always very loyal to me."



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MARIAN ROUSSIMOFF GIVES BIRTH TO A GIANT

05/19/46

Raised in Grenoble, France, Andre Rene Roussimoff was born with acromegaly, a disease more commonly known as Gigantism caused by excess growth hormone secretion in the body. During his lifetime, Andre would go by many names, including Monster Roussimoff and The Butcher. But it was in the early 1970s, after a meeting with Vince McMahon Sr., that he earned the moniker "Giant." At 7'4" and 500 pounds, Andre remains wrestling's most memorable big man ever, famously main-eventing *WrestleMania III* against Hulk Hogan, co-starring in such films as *The Princess Bride*, and creating invaluable fan-interest in sports-entertainment.



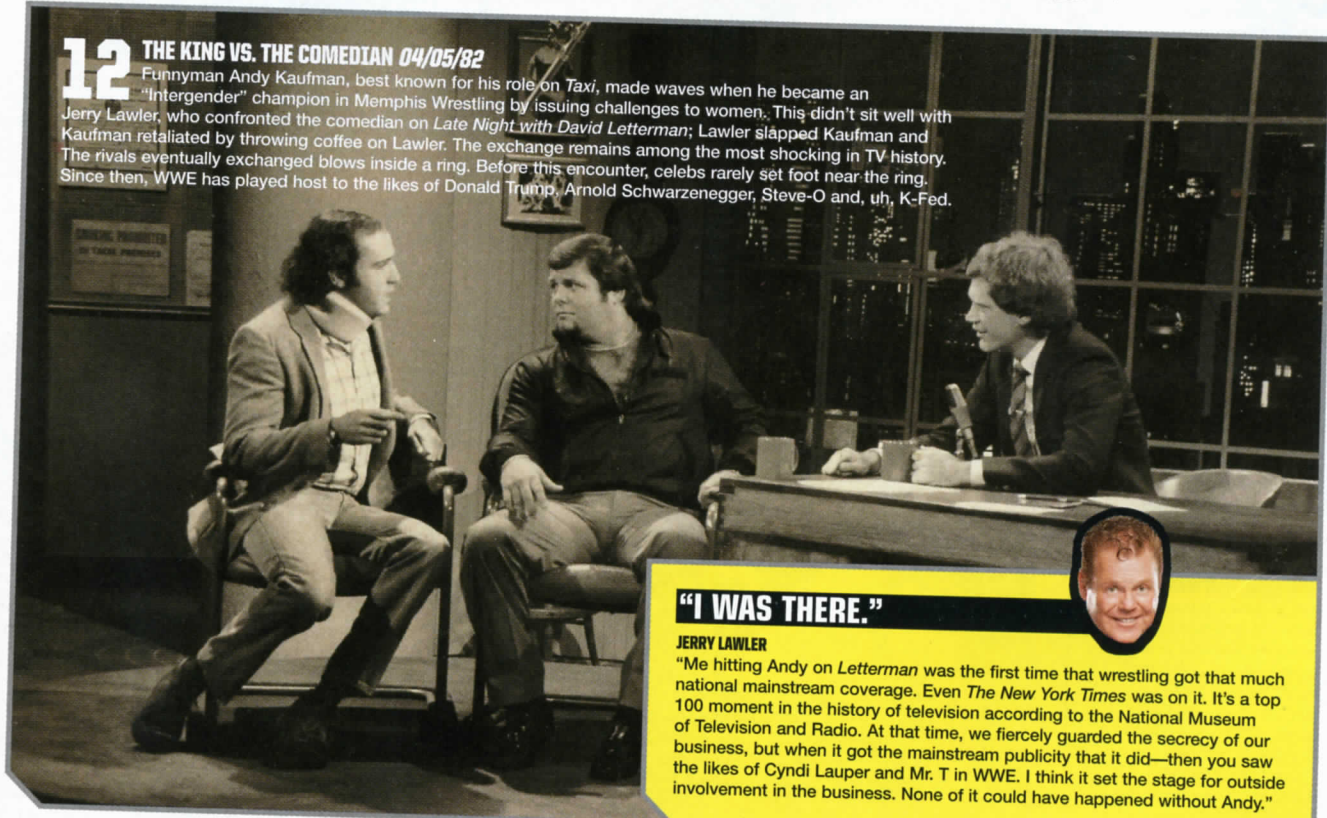
12 THE KING VS. THE COMEDIAN 04/05/82

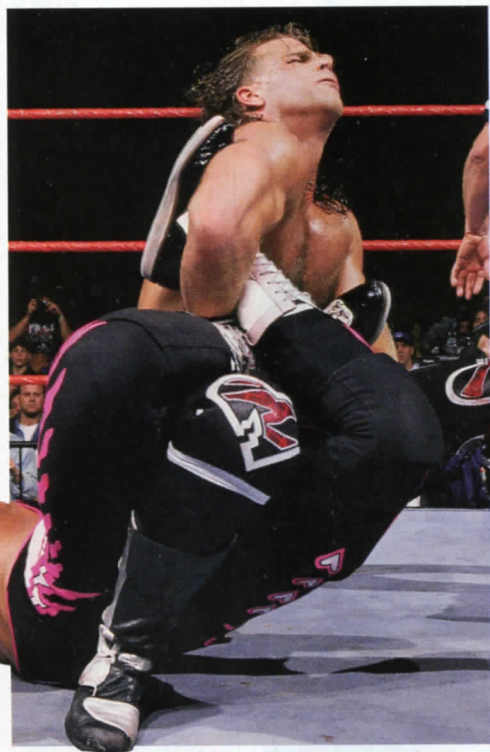
Funnyman Andy Kaufman, best known for his role on *Taxi*, made waves when he became an "Intergender" champion in Memphis Wrestling by issuing challenges to women. This didn't sit well with Jerry Lawler, who confronted the comedian on *Late Night with David Letterman*; Lawler slapped Kaufman and Kaufman retaliated by throwing coffee on Lawler. The exchange remains among the most shocking in TV history. The rivals eventually exchanged blows inside a ring. Before this encounter, celebs rarely set foot near the ring. Since then, WWE has played host to the likes of Donald Trump, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Steve-O and, uh, K-Fed.

"I WAS THERE."

JERRY LAWLER

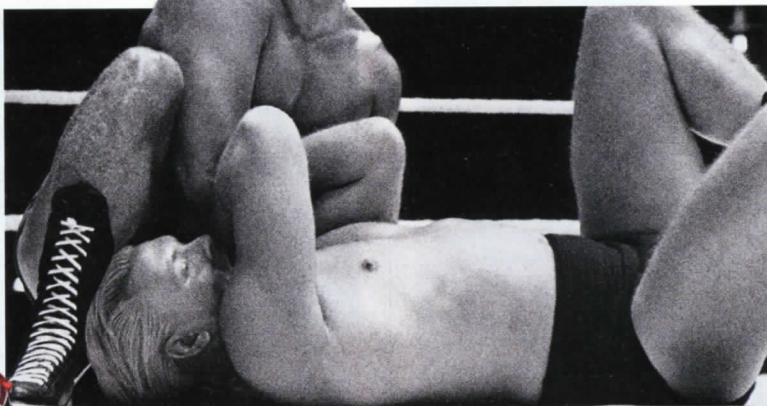
"Me hitting Andy on *Letterman* was the first time that wrestling got that much national mainstream coverage. Even *The New York Times* was on it. It's a top 100 moment in the history of television according to the National Museum of Television and Radio. At that time, we fiercely guarded the secrecy of our business, but when it got the mainstream publicity that it did—then you saw the likes of Cyndi Lauper and Mr. T in WWE. I think it set the stage for outside involvement in the business. None of it could have happened without Andy."





9 A NIGHT IN MONTRÉAL AWAKENS THE DEVIL 11/09/97

The Montréal Screwjob is perhaps the most shocking match in sports-entertainment history. Shawn Michaels walked away as the new champ. Bret Hart left town for WCW. And Vince McMahon infamously called for the bell while Hart was locked in the Sharpshooter. On *Raw*, following the Montréal incident, Mr. McMahon uttered the unforgettable phrase, "Bret screwed Bret." The instant those words left his lips, The Chairman was born.

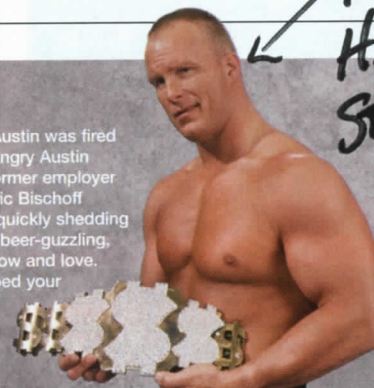


7 BREAKING AWAY FROM THE NWA 01/24/63

During the late '50s and early '60s, there was only one World Champion, and he hailed from the National Wrestling Alliance. But as territories grew in size and popularity, promotions began breaking away from the NWA to fashion their own identities. By 1963, WWE (then known as the World Wide Wrestling Federation) was formed. It wasn't long before WWE emerged as the number-one wrestling promotion in the northeast, laying the foundation for future generations of Superstars.

6 WCW FIRES THE FUTURE 11/94

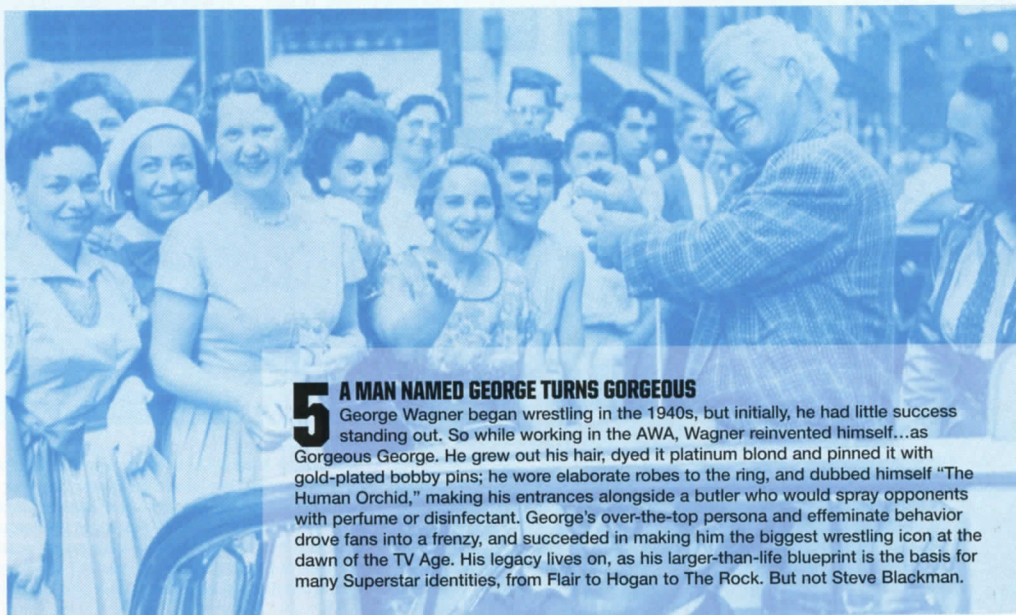
While sitting out with an injury, Steve Austin was fired by WCW brass...via a phone call! An angry Austin joined ECW and verbally lashed out at his former employer through interview segments and scathing Eric Bischoff impersonations. Austin then entered WWE, quickly shedding the "The Ringmaster" image to become the beer-guzzling, middle-finger-saluting bionic redneck we know and love. The phrase "Austin 3:16 says I've just whipped your ass!" helped launch the "Attitude Era," which was nothing short of a renaissance in sports-entertainment. And all because one man was overlooked and let go.



GUEST EDITOR
NICE HAIR STEVE

8 LET THE BODIES HIT THE FLOOR 08/27/94

When Shane Douglas became the new NWA Champion of Eastern Championship Wrestling, he stunned the world by throwing the title on the floor in disgust—an act that marked the death of Eastern Championship Wrestling and the rise of Extreme Championship Wrestling. With Paul Heyman at the helm, ECW instituted hardcore rules, and the liberal use of chairs, tables and barbed wire. The promotion attracted a unique breed of wrestling diehard, forcing WCW and WWE to respond to the challenge by creating their own Hardcore Championships. Although the style was imitated, it's fair to say that it was never duplicated.



5 A MAN NAMED GEORGE TURNS GORGEOUS

George Wagner began wrestling in the 1940s, but initially, he had little success standing out. So while working in the AWA, Wagner reinvented himself...as Gorgeous George. He grew out his hair, dyed it platinum blond and pinned it with gold-plated bobby pins; he wore elaborate robes to the ring, and dubbed himself "The Human Orchid," making his entrances alongside a butler who would spray opponents with perfume or disinfectant. George's over-the-top persona and effeminate behavior drove fans into a frenzy, and succeeded in making him the biggest wrestling icon at the dawn of the TV Age. His legacy lives on, as his larger-than-life blueprint is the basis for many Superstar identities, from Flair to Hogan to The Rock. But not Steve Blackman.

4 MONDAY NIGHTS GET RAW 01/11/93

When *Raw* debuted at the Manhattan Center in New York City, fans were shocked to see Superstars take on other Superstars, an occurrence once reserved for pay-per-views. From that night onward, the frenetic program would be responsible for some of the most memorable and entertaining moments in WWE history, including Mankind's "This Is Your Life" segment, Stone Cold's confrontation with Mike Tyson, The Rock's challenge to Hogan and DX's invasion of *Nitro*. The show single-handedly reinvented Monday night television, making the workweek something actually worth looking forward to.



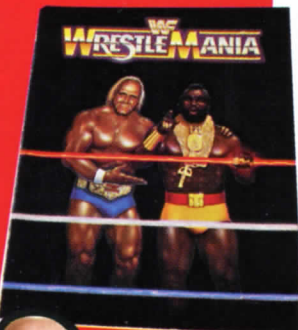
"I WAS THERE."

JIM ROSS

"I think the impact *Raw* has had on the business is comparable to *Monday Night Football*. For generations, televised wrestling was on the weekends. So when *Raw* moved to prime time, it was much akin to the NFL moving weekend football programming to Monday night. *Raw* really underscored that Monday night is wrestling night in this country, just like the early days of football laid claim to Sunday as football day."

3 PAY-PER-VIEW MANIA 10/31/85

From the get-go, *WrestleMania* grabbed headlines as well as fans' imaginations by recruiting such celebrities as Muhammad Ali to appear beside Superstars. With *'Mania's* smash success, WWE began producing other PPVs. By 1988, fans were treated to four annual PPVs each calendar year; it was like having a Super Bowl Sunday every season!



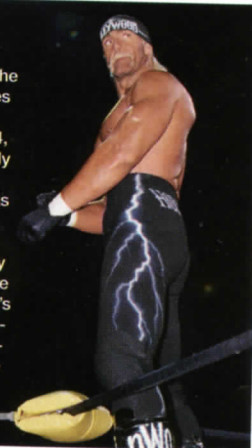
"I WAS THERE."

HOWARD FINKEL

"When we were trying to find a name for the big event, I blurted out that I had an idea...when The Beatles hit America there was a craze called BeatleMania. A new craze is going to be born in 1985...let's call it *WrestleMania*."

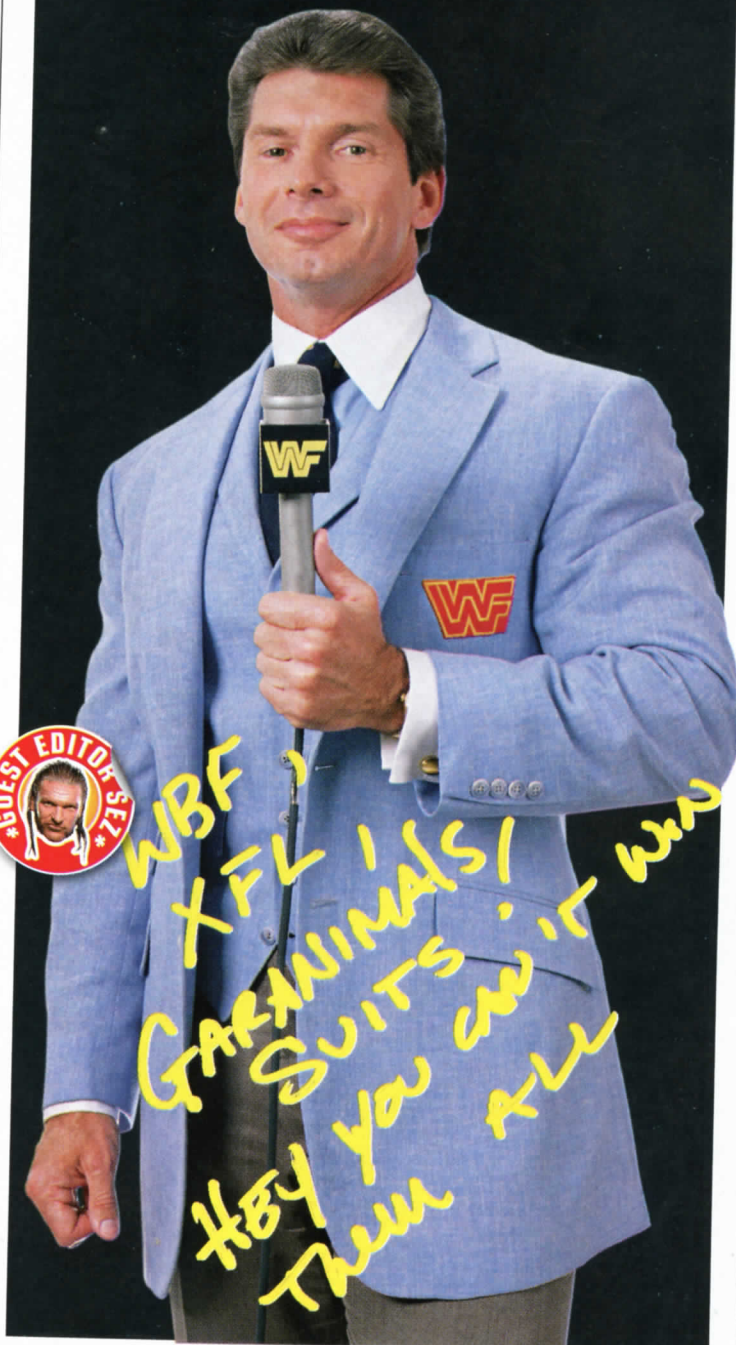
2 WCW DOMINATES

In the span of two years, WCW emerged as one of the largest wrestling companies on the planet. It started with the acquisition of Hulk Hogan in 1994, followed by the launch of a weekly wrestling program in 1995, which competed in the same time slot as *Raw*. Soon afterward, the sports-entertainment world was turned on its ear when Scott Hall formally appeared on *Nitro* stating, "We are taking over." From there, the nWo's popularity grew exponentially, propelling WCW into a ratings juggernaut. But the bigger they are...the harder their ratings fall. In 2001, WCW went bye-bye.



1 VINCE TAKES WRESTLING NATIONAL

Vince McMahon joined the family business in 1972, teaming with his father to run Capital Wrestling Corporation. In 1982, Vince purchased CWC from his father, and renamed it. In the process, The Chairman signed every major star from competing territories, recruiting the likes of Hulk Hogan (from the AWA) and Roddy Piper (from Mid-Atlantic Wrestling). From there, the regional biz transformed into a national phenomenon, and then into an international powerhouse. Today, millions of people around the globe tune into WWE programming. In the U.S. alone, WWE reaches approximately 16 million during an average week, making its programs some of the most watched on TV.



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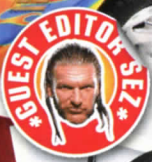
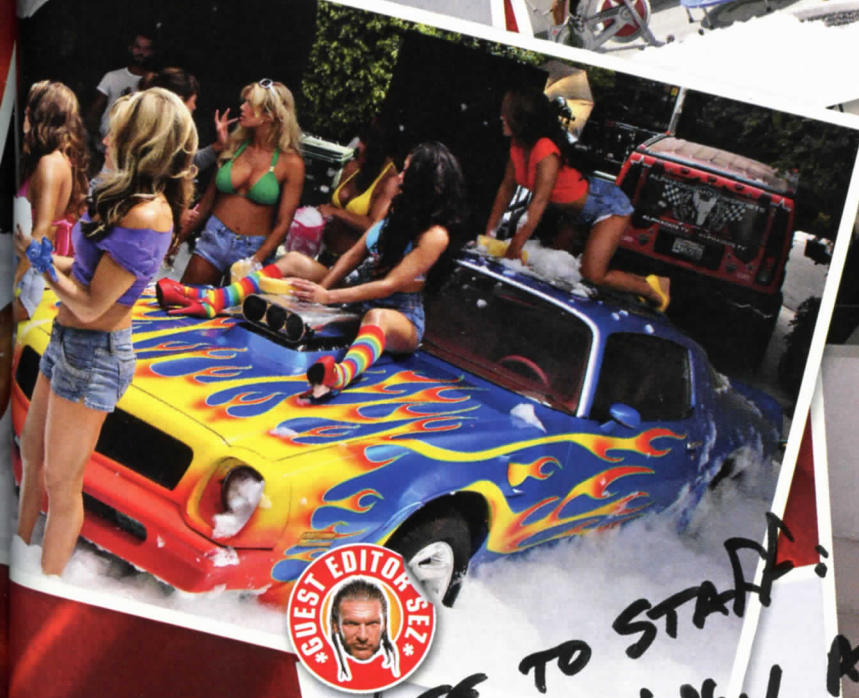
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“For overall strength, there are a ton of exercises you can do to achieve results. When it comes to aesthetics, **biceps are extremely important to how I look in the ring.** Luckily, I’ve got great genes, as you can see.”

“Do you want tickets?”

NEED A SPOT?

Has anyone ever tried to boil your arms and cover them in marinara sauce? The Legend Killer helps turn your noodles from scrawny to brawny in four steps.

STANDING DUMBBELL CURLS

THREE SETS OF 20, OR UNTIL EXHAUSTION (LIGHTER WEIGHT)

"Take two dumbbells and hold them with your palms facing in. Standing straight up, with your arms hanging loosely at your sides, alternate curling each dumbbell. Remember, you can still feel a good burn, and tear the muscle fibers down to increase strength using lighter weight and more reps. You don't need to go super heavy to build muscle."



CLOSE-GRIP PREACHER CURLS

THREE SETS OF 20, OR UNTIL EXHAUSTION (LIGHTER WEIGHT)

"The preacher curl seat has a place for your elbows to rest, which is important to keeping proper form. Use a close grip when doing this exercise and, again, use lighter weight. Concentrate on the placement of your elbows on the cushion, because keeping them stable helps isolate the biceps. Make sure to squeeze at the top of the final rep—it'll help keep all of the blood in your muscle, which gets a better pump going."



STANDING EASY CURLS

THREE SETS OF 20, OR UNTIL EXHAUSTION (HEAVIER WEIGHT)



"These resemble the standing dumbbell curls, except they're done with the easy curl bar—the one with the curves in it. Stand with your back straight and arms hanging loose and then curl the bar upward toward your chest. Go for 20 reps, keeping in mind that you can cheat a little and swing your body a bit to gain momentum. Don't swing too much, though, just enough to keep your muscles working, while not hurting your back."

HAMMER CURLS

THREE SETS OF 20 OR UNTIL EXHAUSTION (LIGHTER WEIGHT)

"Sit upright in the cushioned chair with your back pressed against the pad. Hold the dumbbells parallel to your body, with your arms loose at your side. Alternate arms as you curl, and keep going until you feel a tight squeeze or until you touch your shoulder. Hammer curls give you a good burn and are a nice variation from regular curls."



ORTON'S GYM NO-NO'S

Avoid these three workout faux pas at all costs.

COVER UP

"When you're in the gym, wear a shirt. It's as simple as that. I don't need to see any back hair. Keep yourself covered."

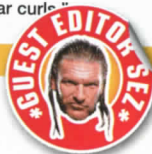


KEEP IT DOWN!
"Guys who scream during their workouts piss me off. There's no need to draw attention to yourself like that."



ARE YOU TALKIN' TO ME?

"Conversation isn't for the gym. Don't talk to me, just let me do my workout. When I'm working out, I'm all business, and I don't want to talk to you."



This workout isn't helping this guy much.

HOW TO BEAT...A HANGOVER

Board Certified Clinical Nutritionist Dr. Kaayla Daniel reveals how we can all survive a bout of deadly brown bottle flu.

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AND OVER
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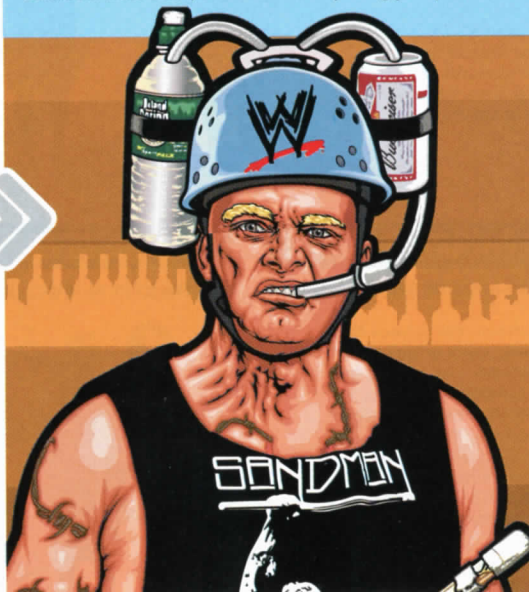
5:00PM Before you drink... CHOW DOWN

"It's good to have a diet full of animal proteins, things such as eggs, butter and meat with saturated fat," says Dr. Daniel. "All of these foods protect the liver from the toxins acquired while drinking." Sadly, they do nothing to prevent beer goggles.



9:30PM As you drink... DILUTE THE BOOZE

"Drinking one glass of water for every alcoholic drink is a very good policy, because the water dilutes the toxins in the alcohol," Dr. Daniel continues. Doing so may cause you to hit the bathroom more often, but it sure beats pissing your pants.



10:00PM As you drink... VITALIZE

"Taking antioxidants at the time alcohol is consumed, rather than the next morning, can really help you out," explains Dr. Daniel. "The best ones to take are vitamin C, vitamin E, Zinc, and n-acetyl-cysteine—or N-A-C." These supplements help protect your liver, removing dangerous toxins from your bloodstream while breaking them down. And, according to Dr. Daniel, "Something like orange juice mixed with vodka isn't going to help, because you're still drinking a lot of alcohol." If you didn't know that already, you really need to lay off the sauce.

8:00AM The next morning... HYDRATE THYSELF



"Drinking a lot of alcohol will result in a ferocious thirst," states Dr. Daniel. "Immediately drink liquids to hydrate your body." Drink water or Gatorade, instead of diuretics like coffee, to replenish your body. Don't think that hair of the dog will cure a hangover, either—it will just prolong the misery.

9:30AM The next morning... STUFF YOUR FACE

A hangover occurs as a result of toxicity in the body—you'll feel awful until your system has flushed out the poisons. Until then, continue to restock your fluids, and get something solid in your tummy. "The best things to eat when you're hung over are simple, real foods like chicken, fish or meat," says Dr. Daniel. "Stay away from fast foods; they contain a lot of dehydrating salts as well as the wrong kind of fat. Stick with saturated fats, which are the fats Mother Nature intended us to consume." Because it's not smart to mess with that, beeyotch.

LORDS OF LIBATION

THESE BIG SCREEN BOOZERS ARE SECOND TO NONE. AND THEIR LIVERS HAVE PAID THE PRICE.



FRANK "THE TANK" RICARD OLD SCHOOL

Alcohol may have ruined his marriage, but no one can take a funnel like The Tank. Talk about priorities.



JOHN "BLUTO" BLUTARSKY ANIMAL HOUSE

Bluto ingests Jack Daniels like soccer moms suck down bottles of Propel.



TRENT WALKER SWINGERS

A guy who passes on domestic beer to tipple glasses of Glengarry Single Malt Whiskey? So money.



MILES RAYMOND SIDEWAYS

Nothing screams "class" like a dude who knows his Pinot Noir from his boxed Franzia.

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GAMES

REVIEWS

THE BEST GAMES, DVDS, MOVIES, MUSIC,
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"Domo Arigato..."

BIOSHOCK

XBOX 360, PC

GAME PLAY



GRAPHICS



AUDIO



DIFFICULTY



The burden of being the most anticipated game of the year (that doesn't have *Halo* or *Grand Theft Auto* in the title) would prove to be too much for lesser games, but *BioShock* is a rarity—a hyped release that actually lives up to the buzz. As the lone survivor of a mid-ocean plane crash, the game's main character miraculously finds his way to an undersea city named Rapture. The city is far from a paradise, a ruin overrun by "splicers"—humans driven completely mad from abusing DNA-enhancing drugs.

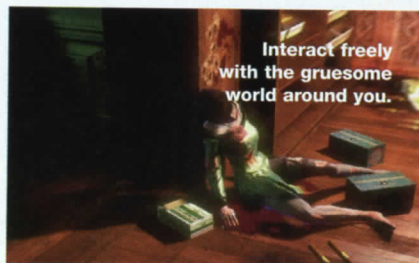
A shooter that straddles the line between adventure, RPG and survival horror games, *BioShock* mixes gunplay with a wide variety of genetically-enhanced powers, from fireballs and computer hacking skills to the incredibly useful ability to turn enemies against each other. Choosing the right mix of weapons and powers is the essential key to success in this dangerously damp underwater complex.

But, the real star of the game is

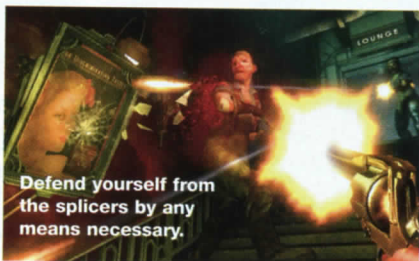


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the splicers by any
means necessary.



its insane visual detail, depicting a once-glorious 1940's art deco city gone to seed—combining equal parts *Atlas Shrugged* and *Blade Runner*—from the faux period advertisements to the big band music that echoes throughout the deserted halls. The somewhat linear “Find the key to unlock the next area” mission system is the game’s only shortfall, but *BioShock* is still a thrilling journey that’s well worth diving into. bioshockgame.com

ORIGINAL GAMESTERS

THESE INNOVATIVE TITLES PAVED THE WAY FOR TODAY'S NEXT-GEN PUZZLE-SOLVERS.



SYSTEM SHOCK 2 (1999)

PC

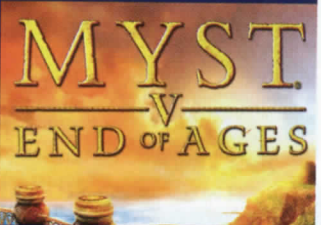
From the creators of *BioShock*, this action-cum-RPG hybrid mixes computer hacking, psionic powers and straight-up shooting to deliver one of the most well-rounded gaming experiences ever.



METROID PRIME (2002)

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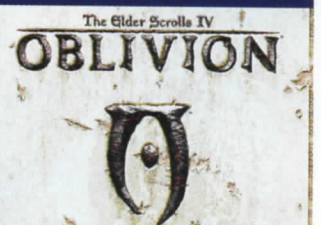
This 3-D revamp of Nintendo's sci-fi side-scroller offers plenty of alien bugs to shoot, but the innovative exploration and puzzle-solving elements are what make it radical.



MYST V: END OF AGES (2005)

PC

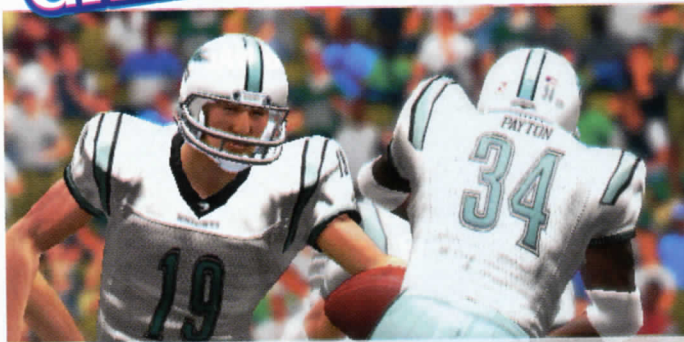
The fifth installation of *Myst* got a full 3-D makeover, with astounding graphics and gameplay that rivals the very best from popular first-person shooters.



ELDER SCROLLS IV: OBLIVION (2006)

XBOX 360, PS3, PC

With dozens of virtual square miles to explore, this RPG's vast and complex fantasy world delivers more gameplay per dollar than perhaps any other title in history.



ALL-PRO FOOTBALL 2K8 PS3, Xbox 360

EA's Madden franchise may have an airtight lock on the NFL, but many gamers think the once-defunct NFL 2K series was the real deal. Giving the people what they want, 2K resurrects its signature football title—All-Pro Football 2K8—minus the official NFL license. But with dozens of make-believe teams and stadiums at your command, as well as 240-plus real-life former NFL stars, present-day pretty boys like Tom Brady can ride the pine. 2ksports.com/games/football2k8/



MEDAL OF HONOR: AIRBORNE

PS3, Xbox 360, PC
A surprisingly fresh take on the totally over-exploited WWII shooter genre, *Medal of Honor: Airborne* has the usual History Channel hallmarks, from Nazis with bad accents to bombed-out European towns. Saving it from the bargain bin, however, are the free-roaming maps that let savvy soldiers hop across rooftops or tiptoe through back alleys, instead of along some developer's heavily scripted path. moh.ea.com



VAMPIRE RAIN Xbox 360

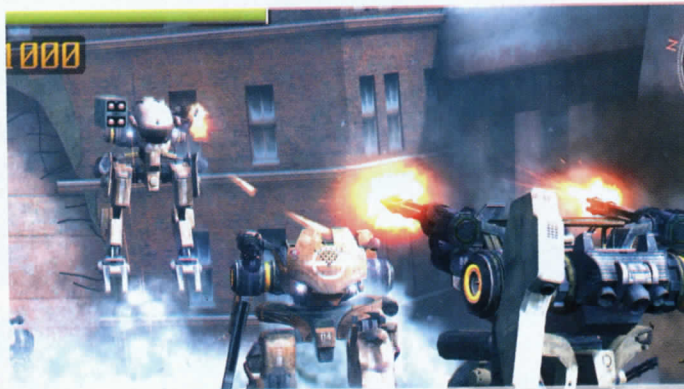
It's *Blade* meets *Splinter Cell* in this creature of the digital night, as humans battle an army of bloodsuckers from L.A. Some gamers may prefer to go in guns blazing, but the lesson here is, "Live to fight another day." Your adrenaline might not skyrocket, but atmospheric visuals and cool gadgets, like vampire-spotting goggles, make up for the anemic gameplay. microsoft.com/xbox/vampireirain



WARHAWK

PS3, Xbox 360

Based on a long-forgotten demo for the PS3, *Warhawk* has finally been polished up for store shelves, and the results are surprisingly good. The title successfully mixes military battles with arcade action. The multiplayer-only online slugfest splits 32 players into two competing armies, fighting on foot, commanding tanks and jeeps. Of course, everyone will ignore these options and make a run for the all-powerful Warhawk hover jet at the start of each round. playstation.com/warhawk



LOST PLANET: EXTREME CONDITION Xbox 360, PC

This Xbox 360 hit from the creators of *Resident Evil* gets a full-blown PC makeover. Naturally, a blazing computer rig, state-of-the-art video card and Windows Vista are required to enjoy all the eye candy, but the amazing lighting, shadow and particle effects are all worth the trouble. While the 3-D graphics are impressive, the 2-D plot about Japanese video game characters fighting killer insects and space pirates could use some fleshing out. capcom.com/lostplanet



STUNTMAN: IGNITION PS3, Xbox 360, PS2

Grab the wheel of 25 tricked-out Hollywood stunt vehicles and perform dangerous blockbuster stunts. Follow the screaming director's instructions ("Crash through the barn!") to the letter, and get rewarded with gameplay footage edited into mock big-screen trailers. The faux flicks are the highlight of the game, but we wish there were more than just six movies. stuntmanignition.com





BLUE STEEL

"No, no—we said, 'smile.'"

PUDDLE OF MUDD

FAMOUS [Geffen]

Puddle Of Mudd sounds a lot like 1994. And that's definitely not a problem, because '94 rocked pretty hard. Their third album hones the band's neo-grunge assault without sacrificing their rage. Frontman Wes Scantlin has mastered Kurt Cobain's slurred mumble and tortured wail, which he puts to good use here on tracks like "Psycho," while the rest of the band alternates between restrained verses and monster choruses in a way that recalls, well, Nirvana. "Thinking About You" and the standout "Radiate" pay homage to Stone Temple Pilots, with bigger, slicker hooks and a bit more swagger. Those expecting surprises here will be bummed, but others won't.



SOUND THE ALARM

STAY INSIDE [Geffen]

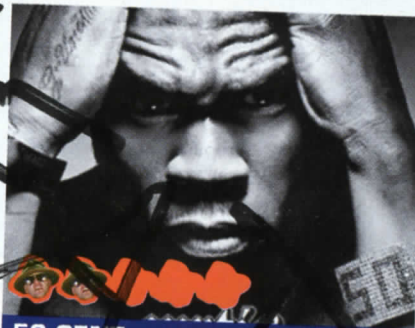
Nothing new here: youngish dudes draping their angst across punchy tunes that split the difference between Jimmy Eat World and The All-American Rejects. But that's not necessarily a bad thing, as *Stay Inside* isn't without its charms. "Closer" is a radio-ready blast, and "Suffocating" sports an infectious melody and a killer chorus. They'll need more to sustain a career, but they've put forward a solid debut.



DROWNING POOL

FULL CIRCLE [Eleven Seven/ADA]

To many soldiers, Drowning Pool's 2001 "Soldiers" is beloved as a sort of crazed war anthem, but they've struggled to follow it up. The 2002 death of frontman Dave Williams may be responsible, but the band also seems to try too hard. Their third album grasps too often for deep meaning—particularly on the earnest "Soldiers"—when it would've been fine to ride the massive riffs and rhythms for all they're worth.



50 CENT

CURTIS [Aftermath/Interscope]

For a guy who rhymes like he's got a mouth full of cookies, 50 Cent has done pretty well for himself. His first two albums survived on a mix of swaggering 'tude and the oft-repeated backstory about his stint as a bullet magnet. But he has a tough time stretching the formula to a third album. The beats are the best money can buy, but 50's real liability quickly becomes clear: dude's got nothing to say.

BRIAN CHIUSANO

SOUND THE ALARM'S GUITAR WIZARD WEIGHS IN ON THE BEST THERE IS, WAS, AND EVER WILL BE, THEN INVENTS HIS WWE CHARACTER AND FINISHING MOVE ON THE SPOT.

HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN PART OF THE RAW FAN NATION?

Since I was six years old, I remember flipping through the channels when I was younger, and I came across Raw. Crush was wrestling, back when he was all neon and pineapples, and then Yokozuna sat on his head and he turned evil. After that, I became a big Bret Hart fan. While we were recording *Stay Inside*, we would watch match after match of Bret

Hart's classic stuff. I loved The Hitman. I even bought the glasses and the foam Championship belt.

ANY FAVORITE HITMAN HITS?

Bret Hart vs. Shawn Michaels from *WrestleMania XII*, obviously. That match was amazing, and the fact that they went for an entire hour was insane. And Bret Hart vs. Steve Austin, in the "I Quit" match from *WrestleMania XIII*

was really awesome too. I really liked Bret Hart's wrestling style. You can't beat the Sharpshooter.

IMAGINE WWE JUST SIGNED YOU TO A \$1 MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT. WHAT WOULD YOUR IN-RING NAME BE?

Gino The Guido. I'm Italian, so it makes sense. I'd try to keep it old school, like the Rockers era. The fringes might have to go, though, because they'd give opponents something to

grab onto. And, instead of the neon, I'd go with red, white, and green.

AND YOUR FINISHER?

The Turkey Toenail. Actually, everyone in the band has a finisher. I invented this one back in the day. You get someone on his stomach, and bend one of his legs over at the knee. Press really hard, and it kills. I have no idea why it's called the Turkey Toenail, though.

SOUND THE ALARM

Prepubescent under glass.

DVD

All the powers,
none of the spandex.



HEROES: SEASON 1 [UNIVERSAL]

Stopping time? Emitting nuclear bursts? Removing the brains of fellow heroes? These are just some of the skills showcased in NBC's series about ordinary people who discover they have superpowers. More dominating than Dream Team I, these new-age heroes battle both physical and emotional demons as they juggle shifting plotlines that involve everything from the destruction of New York to pesky social workers who are trying to steal a child from a schizo stripper. With the fate of Earth up for grabs in nearly every episode, and guest appearances by Hollywood luminaries such as Eric Roberts and George Takei, this series serves up another opportunity for us to flex our couch muscles as we wonder whether we, too, are made for some unknown greatness.

BONUS FEATURES The Making of *Heroes*; an unaired extended pilot episode featuring never-before-seen characters; a whopping 50 deleted and extended scenes, plus much more.

HOT FUZZ (ROGUE)



With endless gags and big laughs, this fast-paced British farce from the makers of *Shaun of the Dead* honors the buddy-cop genre. While referencing the *Point Breaks* and *Bad Boys* of the cinematic world, hardass London sergeant Simon Pegg and pub-addicted sidekick Nick Frost are assigned to a sleepy English village where they uncover its disturbing secret. Bloody good.

BONUS FEATURES Deleted scenes; hilarious outtakes; a special trivia game during the film; and more.

DELIVERANCE: 35TH ANNIVERSARY DELUXE EDITION (WARNER HOME)



A seemingly innocent canoe trip through lonely backwoods and rivers turns into a harrowing journey of survival. Burt Reynolds, Ned Beatty, Jon Voight and Ronny Cox star in this masterpiece that painted a more disturbing picture of the Deep South than Cade and Murdoch ever could. Watch it and you'll understand why "Dueling Banjos" still makes our cheeks tighten.

BONUS FEATURES A look at the adaptation of the book to the screen, a behind-the-scenes documentary and more.

WE ARE MARSHALL (WARNER BROS.)



If you don't get gulpy watching this real-life story about the 1970 airplane crash that decimated Marshall University's football team, then you probably hate puppies and Christmas, too. Matthew McConaughey stands firm as the young coach who teaches everyone a lesson about picking up the pieces and rebuilding, even when all seems lost.

BONUS FEATURES A documentary titled, *Legendary Coaches: How Coaches Overcome Adversity*.

ZOOLANDER: SPECIAL COLLECTOR'S EDITION (PARAMOUNT HOME)

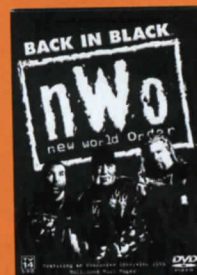


Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson's genius portrayals of high-fashion runway rivals turns narcissism into comic gold. But it's the supporting cast—Will Ferrell as Mugatu and Jerry Stiller in top rage-a-holic form as Maury Ballstein—as well as cameos from Billy Zane, Natalie Portman, David Bowie and Winona Ryder, that keep this one fresh. So hot right now.

BONUS FEATURES Deleted scenes, two skits from the VH1/Vogue Fashion Awards, commentary and more.

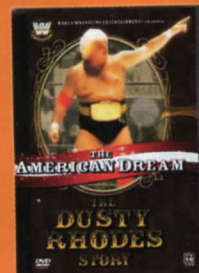
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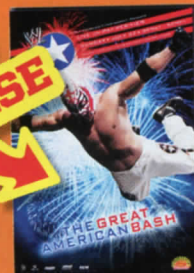
Hey yo! Check out this glimpse into (arguably) the most important faction in the history of sports-entertainment—the New (New, New) World Order. Another one for da good guys.



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Sit back, grab a corndog and relive all the unforgettable events that took place at the HP Pavilion in San Jose, CA, this summer. It's the bash that keeps on bashing.

NEW RELEASE

MOVIES



"Order up."

RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION

Milla Jovovich brings her bedroom eyes and ass-whomping prowess back to the game-based *Resident Evil* series. Picking up five years after the second installment, the futuristic tale gets injections of *Mad Max* and *Planet of the Apes* with Jovovich and new pals (including Ashanti as foxy Nurse Betty) battling a worldwide virus that's killed nearly every human being on the planet. The kill-or-be-zombified action is set amid the abandoned ruins of the dustbowl, formerly known as Las Vegas. Let's hope Wayne Newton shows up with a brain cocktail in hand.



HALLOWEEN

(DIMENSION)

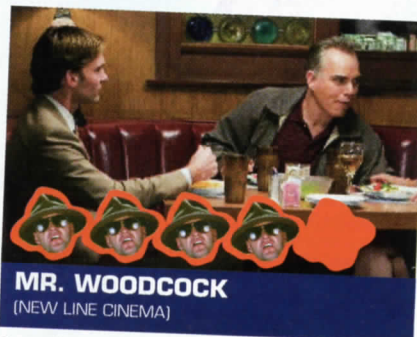
How do you guarantee your slasher flick will make audiences squirm? Hire a writer/director/producer who's even more f'd up in the head than your onscreen villain. With a résumé that includes the senselessly brutal *The Devil's Rejects*, torture-and-innards-obsessed Rob Zombie's "re-imagining" of the 1978 horror classic makes the original look about as bloodless as a vegan's fridge.



BALLS OF FURY

(ROGUE)

A *Fist of Fury*-meets-*Dodgeball* send-up about the world of illegal, underground ping-pong sounds funny, but when punches to the groin are accompanied by the sound of clanging gongs, you know the producers are having trouble milking the concept. Even Christopher Walken as—surprise!—an evil madman, and an occasionally funny Dan Fogler (the pro Jack Black) don't slam home too many w



MR. WOODCOCK

(NEW LINE CINEMA)

Seann William Scott plays a self-help author and motivational guru who returns home to find that the only thing new about his ruthless phys-ed instructor (Billy Bob Thornton) is that the bastard is now nailing his widowed mom. In an effort to break up the couple's pending nuptials, a traumatized Scott goes one-on-one with the sadistic Thornton, trying to do everything he can to erase his childhood memories.

MR. FUJI'S MOVIE PICKS

HALL OF FAMER AND RESIDENT MOVIE LOVER HARRY FUJIWARA WEIGHS IN ON SOME RECENT FLICKS.



BIG SHOW CONTINUES TO MAKE HITS FAIRY TAIL



PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END

"No one does not unlike pirates. This movie have all everything. Also, not much hotter than Keira Knightley. Ha ha ha, some fleshy cannonballs on poop deck!"



MR. BROOKS

"Kevin Costner play murderer who everyone like. Movie is bloody, and more confusing than *Monkey Trouble*. Only, no monkey in baseball hat and short pants."



OCEAN'S 13

"Lot of third movies come out this summer, but I like this one. *Ocean's Twelve* stink like panda turd, but 13 make me want to be smooth criminal like King of Pop wrote song about."



SHREK THE THIRD

"I like these animated movies most of time, but this one not as happy funtime as first two. Also, Shrek's princess-wife look like green Mark Henry. Bleh!!!"

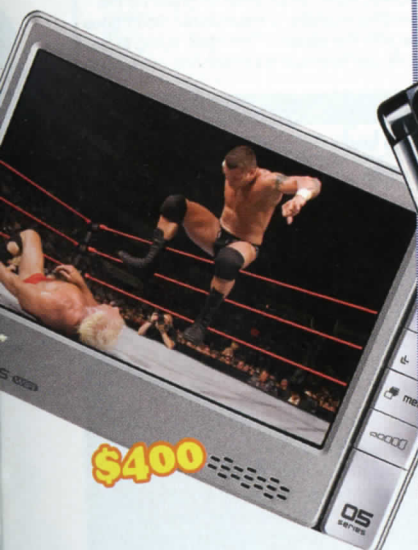
NET-READY TELEVISION

Just downloaded the newest celebrity sex video? Watch it on your **Sony Bravia KDL-40W3000**, a TV with a built-in Ethernet link for streaming hi-def video over a home network. The 40-inch LCD TV can also display HD cable or satellite programming in glorious 1080p. Now, cross your fingers and hope a Jessica Alba tape surfaces sometime very soon. sonystyle.com



PERSONAL CINEMA

iWho? The **Archos 605** personal media player is a media multitasker capable of playing MP3s and video files, and browsing the Web via built-in Wi-Fi. Its 4.3-inch touch-screen is almost twice the size of a video iPod's, plus the screen delivers images at an impressive 800x480 pixels. (160GB); archos.com



SIZZLING UPGRADE

Motorola is doing its darnedest to keep its line of Razrs current by giving them a sweeping new upgrade. The **RAZR2 V8** shaves 2mm off the previous model's thickness and incorporates a "crystal talk" feature that adjusts sound and volume to account for ambient noise. It also integrates a 2-megapixel camera, Bluetooth, and conforms to all major 3G standards. Not bad for an old-timer. hellomoto.com



DRIVE-IN THEATER

Gone are the days of filching dirty milk crates from behind the A&P to use as storage space for all your Mini DVs and Hi-8 video tapes. With the **Sony HDR-SR5C's** Great Khali-sized 100GB hard drive, you'll run out of stuff to film long before you run out of space. sonystyle.com



WAIFISH NOTEBOOK

When companies tout the incredible lightness of their "ultraportable" machines, they often fail to note the clunky external disc drive. The **Toshiba Portege R500**, on the other hand, weighs in at a feathery 2.4 pounds, and boasts an internal drive. As for its specs, there's nothing fluffy about the 2GB of RAM and 120GB hard drive. toshiba.com



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Pop, Lock & Drop It - Huey	true 7747
Make Me Better - Fabolous	true 7748
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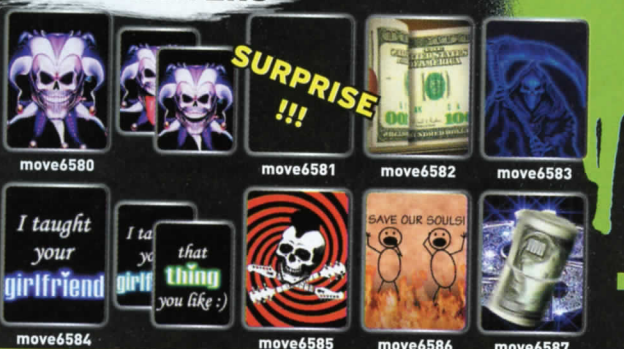
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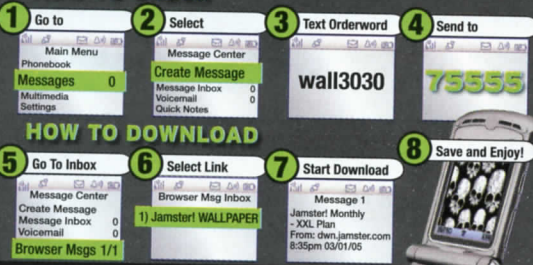
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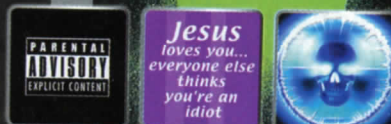


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Diva appearance



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Feel-good moment



Outside interference



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Title change

BETWEEN THE ROPES

A look back at the month that saw a tri-branded draft, a marriage proposal and two new ECW Champs.

5/29 ECW 

**JOHN LABATT CENTRE
LONDON, ONTARIO
CAREER KILLER**

After taking Shawn Michaels out of service, Randy Orton set his "Legend Killing" sights on the Innovator of Violence Tommy Dreamer. After an RKO and the pin, Orton delivered two stiff kicks to Dreamer's head and another RKO. RVD joined the fray, but was quickly taken out by an Orton fist.

6/1 SMACKDOWN 

**JOHN LABATT CENTRE
LONDON, ONTARIO
HORNSWOGGLE SWINDLE**

Finally going one-on-one, Hornswoggle and Little Boogeyman battled it out on the SmackDown stage. To make things more bizarre, Finlay appeared underneath the ring and attacked Lil' Boogey, leading to the little bastard performing a top rope Tadpole Splash for the victory.

6/4 RAW 

**ST. PETE'S TIMES FORUM
TAMPA, FL
REDNECK BACKSTAB**

After weeks of showing good sportsmanship, Cade & Murdoch finally showed their true colors to The Hardys. With Murdoch pushing Jeff's foot off the bottom rope, new Tag Team champions were crowned. Matt confronted the new



JUNE 5, 2007
ORLANDO, FL
**LASHLEY
VS. BALLS MAHONEY,
TOMMY DREAMER
& SANDMAN**

champions, and received a title belt to the head for his trouble.

6/5 ECW

**AMWAY CENTER
ORLANDO, FL**

ORIGINALS GET DOMINATED

The newly-crowned (at ECW *One Night Stand*) ECW Champ Lashley went against extreme alumni Balls Mahoney, Tommy Dreamer and Sandman with a catatonic Mr. McMahon watching the entire time. Lashley beat the Originals and then confronted Mr. McMahon, who remained expressionless.

6/8 SMACKDOWN

**AMWAY CENTER
ORLANDO, FL**

ASHLEY GETS SUSPENDED

Ashley gave chase to Jillian Hall backstage and, mid-chase, bumped into a distraught Mr. McMahon, who promptly spilled coffee all over his newly-pressed shirt. Showing no mercy, McMahon told Ashley that she was indefinitely suspended, leaving the *Playboy* cover girl in tears.

6/11 RAW

**WACHOVIA ARENA
WILKES-BARRE, PA
THE DRAFT**

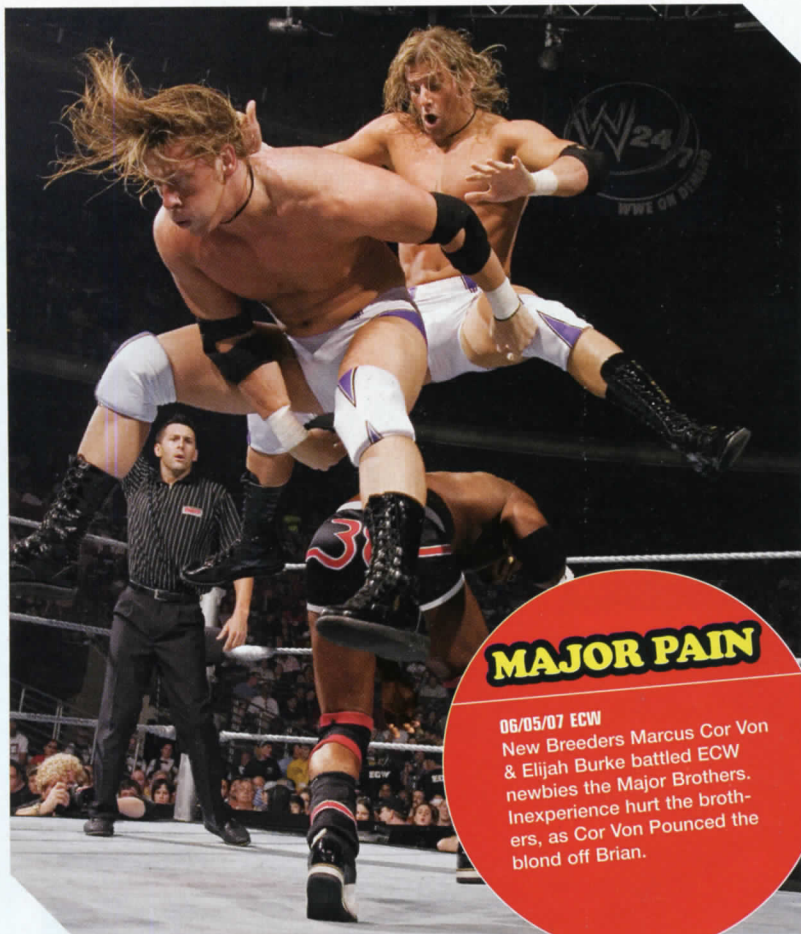
Things were shaken up: *SmackDown* drafted The Great Khali, Torrie Wilson, Chris Masters and Ric Flair. *Raw* drafted King Booker, Bobby Lashley, Snitsky and Mr. Kennedy. *ECW* drafted The Boogeyman. But the biggest news came at the end of the night, when Mr. McMahon left the arena, entered his limo, closed the door and suddenly burst into flames.

6/12 ECW

**WACHOVIA CENTER
PHILADELPHIA, PA**

EXTREME CREEPY WRESTLING

The diabolical and bizarre Boogeyman made his Sci Fi Network debut. The strangest Superstar in ECW history took on perennial wiseass Matt Striker. The former schoolteacher's fear of the evil one led to the Boogeyman's first ECW victory. After the match, Striker



MAJOR PAIN

06/05/07 ECW

New Breeders Marcus Cor Von & Elijah Burke battled ECW newbies the Major Brothers. Inexperience hurt the brothers, as Cor Von Pounced the blond off Brian.



DIVA DISPUTE

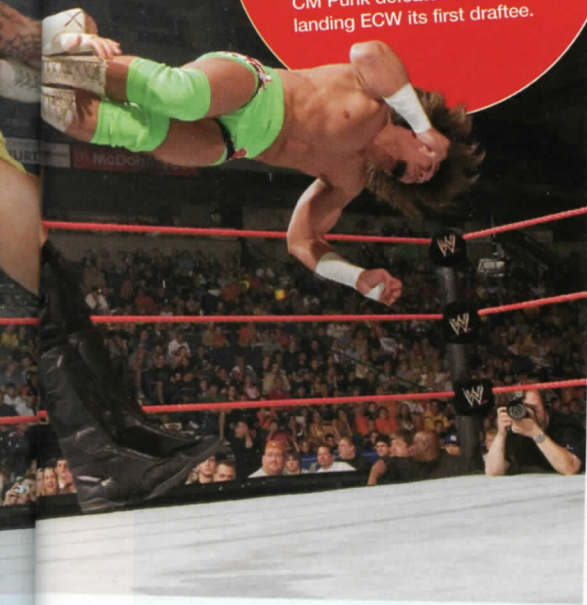
06/01/07 SMACKDOWN

The Divas of *SmackDown* displayed their brawn as Michelle McCool tangled with Jillian Hall. Ashley came ringside and distracted the wannabe pop star, helping McCool score the win.

BACKDRAFT

06/11/07 RAW

The draft saw Superstars from all brands battle one another, with the winners determining who would get the next pick. CM Punk defeated Carlito, landing ECW its first draftee.



THE SAC

When it comes to gossip, I'm full of it...



Can you guess which **WWE Superstar** made us editors feel like a bunch of sissies when he ordered a friggin' **nine egg** (two whole, seven whites) **omelet** for breakfast at a recent photoshoot? I could barely get through two bowls of Lucky Charms before it was Game Over.

Two **WWE pretty boys** confessed to our photo crew that they'd never actually been oiled up before (for aesthetic purposes, anyway). Check our **upcoming issues** to see if you can unmask their true identities.

One **ECW Superstar** got a peek at some unused photos from our archives, all of which featured him getting his ass kicked. His response? "I look great!" He's definitely the **innovator of positivity**.

To quote a **WWE Hall Of Famer**, "After finishing *Raw* at 11, I would watch *Nitro* on the replay." By Gawd!

BACK IN THE HUNT

06/18/07 RAW

On his way to a Tag Team title rematch, Jeff Hardy took on newly drafted Daivari. Champs Cade & Murdoch watched ringside and after winning his match, Hardy jumped the Tag champs.



CARLITO: RICH FREEDA; HARDY: CRAIG HELVIN

received a mouthful of worms, something that probably never happened in the classroom.

6/15 SMACKDOWN

WACHOVIA CENTER
PHILADELPHIA, PA
EVOLUTION REUNION

The main event of the night saw new *SmackDown* Superstar Ric Flair take on Edge in a non-title match. With MVP interfering, Flair won the match by DQ, but then the U.S. and World Champion double-teamed the Nature Boy, until former Evolution member Batista came to the rescue.

6/18 RAW

RICHMOND COLISEUM
RICHMOND, VA
THE BULLDOZER
MEETS MR. SOCKO

Punishment was served to Mick Foley for the harsh words he said about Mr. McMahon, in the form of a match with Umaga. The match never officially started thanks to Foley and Umaga's brawl outside of the ring, and Umaga ended the fracas by knocking out the hardcore legend with a running splash into the steel steps.

6/19 ECW

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS ARENA
CHARLOTTE, NC
AND THE NEW
ECW CHAMPION WILL BE...

With Bobby Lashley stripped of the ECW title after getting drafted to *Raw*, ECW held a mini-tournament to determine who would meet one-on-one at *Vengeance* to be crowned the new ECW champion. CM Punk defeated Marcus Cor Von and advanced to the pay-per-view for the opportunity to get his first taste of championship gold.

6/22 SMACKDOWN

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS ARENA
CHARLOTTE, NC
LONG IS A "PLAYA"

A relationship that has slowly been brewing for months culminated when General Manager of *SmackDown*

**SIX TIMES
A CHARM****06/08/07 SMACKDOWN**

With the draft approaching, Brian Kendrick & Paul London teamed for what could be their last appearance on *SmackDown* in a classic six-man tag match. Teamed with Jimmy Wang Yang, the highflying trio defeated Cruiserweight Champion Chavo Guerrero, Daivari & Jamie Noble.



PHOTO: CRAIG AMEROSIO

Theodore Long proposed to Kristal. The Diva, with tears of joy in her eyes, gladly accepted. Do you think "Holla" will replace the words, "I do"?

6/26 ECW 
SAN ANTONIO, TX
AT&T CENTER

NUMBER ONE CONTENDER

After CM Punk lost to Johnny Nitro

at *Vengeance*, a two-out-of-three falls bout to determine the number one contender for the ECW title took place between Punk and Elijah Burke. Determined to score gold, Punk defeated Burke in the final fall with the GTS. An angry Nitro confronted Punk after the match, signaling that these two enemies have only begun to fight.



VENGEANCE

PPV
RESULTS

1 Lance Cade & Trevor Murdoch one-upped **The Hardys** yet again, retaining their Tag Team titles when Cade pinned Jeff.

2 Jimmy Wang Yang's aspirations for his first WWE title fell flat when five-time Cruiserweight Champ **Chavo Guerrero** hit Yang with a Frog Splash from the top rope.

3 Newly-drafted Johnny Nitro made history by pinning **CM Punk** to become the new ECW Champion.

4 Umaga bulldozed over **Santino Marella** and was DQ'ed for his relentless attack on the rookie Superstar. Though still champ, Marella was incapacitated by Umaga's top

rope Samoan splash and Samoan Spike.

5 Ric Flair saw his dreams of another run with the U.S. title evaporate when **MVP** landed the Playmaker on Naitch to retain the gold.

6 Deuce & Domino held an open challenge for any team to face them for the WWE Tag Team titles, and Hall of Famers **Sgt. Slaughter & Jimmy Snuka** answered the call. The Greasers ultimately defeated the pair, which prompted legendary taggers **Rick Martel & Tony Garea** to physically confront the Tag champions after the match.

7 Batista's hunt for the World Heavyweight title

came to an end as he lost via countout to **Edge** in a Last Chance match. As long as Edge is World Champion, Batista has no more shots at the title.

8 Playboy cover girl **Candice** shocked the world by pinning **Melina** to become the Women's Champion for the first time.

9 The WWE Championship Challenge saw **King Booker, Randy Orton, Bobby Lashley** and **Mick Foley** battle with **John Cena** for the title. With all five participants in the ring at the same time, and no DQ or count outs allowed, Cena won the match after landing an FU on Foley.

TALE OF THE TAPE

THE NUMBERS GAME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE...

1,000

Gallons of chocolate confection used to envelop Candice and Melina's flawless bobs during *One Night Stand's* Pudding match

10

Hours of *Raw* enjoyed by the WWE Raw Fan Nation (that's two bonus hours!)

Ounces of lavishly expensive Kopi Luwak coffee spilled down Mr. McMahon's suit by clumsy Diva Ashley on the 6/8 *SmackDown*

25

Superstars and Divas drafted in the weeklong three-brand lottery

4

556

Slimy earthworms stuffed in Matt Striker's locker by new draftee Boogeyman before his ECW debut on 6/12

96

Candles required for Roddy Piper's birthday cake, according to a ranting Matt Striker on the 6/26 ECW

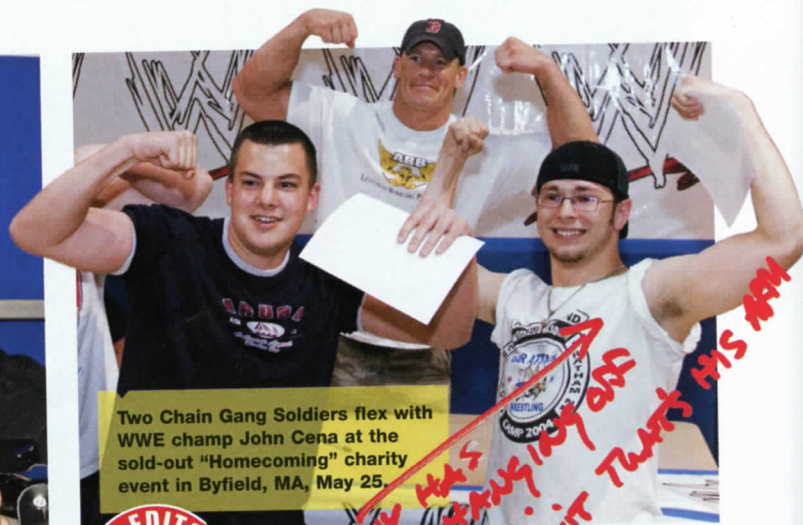
12,000

Windfall (in dollars) scored by Cryme Tyme after they stripped and sold the parts of Deuce and Domino's Cadillac following the 6/29 *SmackDown*

ALL ACCESS



Jeff and Matt Hardy rock out in Oberhausen, Germany, after signing a couple of extreme fans' personal guitars, April 21.



Two Chain Gang Soldiers flex with WWE champ John Cena at the sold-out "Homecoming" charity event in Byfield, MA, May 25.



Pool Guy has a Thugb thingy lay off his shirt... or wait That's HIS MOM



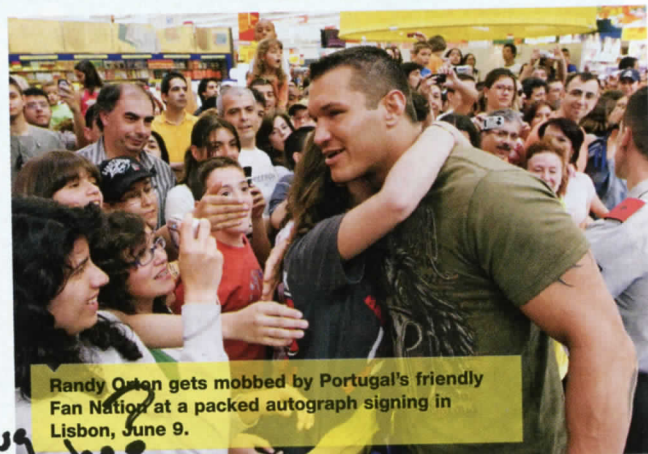
Eugene laying the smackdown on Chaotic Wrestling grappler Handsome Johnny during John Cena's "Homecoming" gala in Byfield, MA.



While visiting Germany's Toys "R" Us, Lashley compliments a little one's fanny pack, April 20.



Playful Diva Mickie James is caught horsin' around at Toys "R" Us in Mannheim, Germany, April 20.



Randy Orton gets mobbed by Portugal's friendly Fan Nation at a packed autograph signing in Lisbon, June 9.

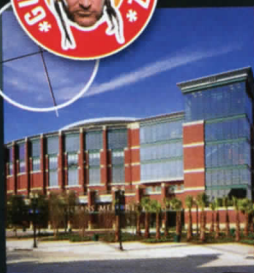
Who's Riding Who?



ARENA SCOUT

Our never-ending search for the ultimate WWE venue led us to the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena in the populous city of Jacksonville, FL, site of the June 3 *One Night Stand*.*

Keep a lookout for the Arena Scout when the WWE lineup comes to your town.



VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

- Where a cocksure MVP famously bailed minutes into his debut *SmackDown* match against the maniacal Kane?
- Arena where six slippery Divas wrestled naked after a volatile game of Extreme Strip Poker?
- Grammy-winning songbird Elton John was the first performer to step foot on this stage?
- Host to the 1st and 2nd rounds of 2006's NCAA men's basketball tournament that was ultimately won by the University of Florida?
- Mayor John Peyton welcomed ECW by giving Tommy Dreamer the key to the city?
- City where the thriller *The Devil's Advocate*, starring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron, was filmed?

YES NO

- ☒ ☐
- ☒ ☐
- ☒ ☐
- ☒ ☐
- ☐ ☒
- ☒ ☐

*Remember, kids, every "yes" counts as one point.

FANTASY WARFARE

JOHNNY NITRO VS. GORGEOUS GEORGE

What would happen if the biggest television draw of yesteryear met up with the biggest Hollywood poseur of today? It's time to fire up the lights, roll camera and shout "Action!"



JOHNNY NITRO

- **MAKING AN IMPACT**
On his first night in WWE, as one-half of MNM, Nitro took down Eddie Guerrero and Rey Mysterio to claim the Tag Team titles. Even at his peak, George never pulled off a feat of that caliber.
- **FIVE-TIME GOLDEN BOY**
A lot of guys have been to the dance, but not many have come back. Nitro held three WWE Tag Team titles, all in his rookie year.
- **TIMING IS EVERYTHING**
In George's day, ladders were used for changing lightbulbs. Nitro, meanwhile, has run the gauntlet in a host of blood-soaked stipulation matches.
- **AERIAL ASSAULT**
Nitro's capable of mixing it up on the mat, but he can take the higher end of his diving and dropkick assault have crushed many a poor opponent.

GORGEOUS GEORGE

- **ALL ABOUT STYLE**
Clad in sequined robes, doused in Chanel and adorned with gold-plated bobbles, George's flamboyant look sparked furious reactions from crowds everywhere. He thrived on the vitriol.
- **DON'T JUDGE A BOOK...**
The Gorgeous one was a solid freestyle grappler who tangled with ring giants like Sammartino. Nitro would face a ground-pounding physical competition, compromising his pretty face.
- **CHEER UP ALWAYS**
George's catchphrase, "You can use it you just, but always cheat."
- **THE REAL DEAL**
While Nitro comes around like a Hollywood pretty boy, George actually appeared in the 1949's *Alias the Champ*. Surely he learned a wily thing or two from swimming with the Tinseltown sharks.



FINAL ANALYSIS

Gorgeous George is the prototypical Superstar who set the pace for sports-entertainment in his time. Moreover, he was a first-rate technician who could school his opponents on the mat. That said, Nitro's championship experience,

high-flying skills and flat-out bravura are a deadly combination. The minute the match went aerial, George would be sent back to the parfum factory.
Winner Johnny Nitro



BONUS POINTS



Working arena urinals available to bladder-bursting fans. **107**



Pounds of explosives used to demolish the old Jacksonville Coliseum to make way for this \$130 million behemoth. **275**



Working arena payphones available to the handful of nimrods who still don't own a cell phone. **4**



Average number of one-night stands, per day, in the greater Jacksonville area (pop. 834,789). No, we can't prove it. **1,169**



Fans spotted wearing goofy '70s-era headbands and matching tracksuits. **2**

TOTAL SCORE 1,562

SEPTEMBER

This month in sports-entertainment.*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Raw Live Event Terre Haute, IN 7:30 pm SmackDown/ECW Cincinnati 7:30 pm
2 Raw Columbus, OH 7:30 pm SmackDown Live Event Toledo, OH 7:30 pm	3	4 Today is Labor Day! So honor the social and economic achievements of hard-working Americans. Or just drink beer and pass out in a wading pool.	5 Raw Live Event Cape Town, South Africa National Cheese Pizza Day! Log onto foodnetwork.com to learn how to make your own 'za!	6 Raw Live Event Durban, South Africa SPORTSCENTER	7 Raw Live Event Johannesburg, South Africa Jillian's birthday	8 Raw Live Event Johannesburg, South Africa SmackDown/ECW Live Event Rochester, MN 7:30 pm
9 SmackDown/ECW Minneapolis, MN 7:30 pm	10 Raw Green Bay, WI 7 pm Trevor Murdoch's birthday	11 SmackDown/ECW Live Event Madrid, Spain 8 pm 6 years ago today, Americans suffer the loss of almost 3,000 loved ones in the attack on NYC's Twin Towers. WWE remembers the fallen.	12 SmackDown/ECW Live Event Valencia, Spain 8 pm 216 years ago today, the Bill of Rights is passed in the U.S. Senate. The bills are created to ensure the protection of civil liberties, none of which applies the moment you step into a WWE ring.	13 SmackDown/ECW Live Event Barcelona, Spain 8 pm 3 years ago today, Triple H pins World Heavyweight Champion Randy Orton to regain the title at Unforgiven.	14 SmackDown/ECW Live Event Paris, France 8 pm	15 Teddy Long's birthday Marriage Fidelity Day! Abstain from visiting your local strip joint.
16 Unforgiven Memphis, TN 6:45 pm	17 Raw Nashville, TN 7 pm A year ago today, John Cena defeats Edge at Unforgiven with an FU that sends the Rated-R Superstar through two stacked tables.	18 SmackDown/ECW Atlanta, GA 7:30 pm We the People	19 SmackDown/ECW Live Event Indianapolis, IN 7:30 pm 9 years ago today at WWE's Break Down, Undertaker and Kane simultaneously pin WWE Champion Steve Austin to score the championship. But Mr. McMahon runs down to confiscate the title and declare it vacant. Sorry, boys.	20 188 years ago today, patent leather is first manufactured in Newark, N.J. God bless its creator, Seth Boyden, for providing WWE's curvaceous Divas with the hip-hugging fabric.	21 Raw Live Event Champaign, IL 7:30 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event St. Joseph, MO 7:30 pm	22 Raw Live Event Champaign, IL 7:30 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event St. Joseph, MO 7:30 pm
23 Matt Hardy's birthday Raw Live Event Ft. Wayne, IN 7 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event Columbia, MO 7 pm	24 Raw Milwaukee, WI 7 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event Springfield, IL 7 pm	25 SmackDown/ECW Indianapolis, IN 7:30 pm	26 Raw Live Event Syracuse, NY 7:30 pm	27 Raw Live Event Syracuse, NY 7:30 pm	28 Raw Live Event Syracuse, NY 7:30 pm	29 Raw Live Event Utica, NY 7:30 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event Peoria, IL 7:30 pm
30 Raw Live Event Jamestown, NY 7 pm SmackDown/ECW Live Event Hammond, IN 7 pm Candice's birthday						

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REMEMBERING...

SENSATIONAL SHERRI 1958-2007

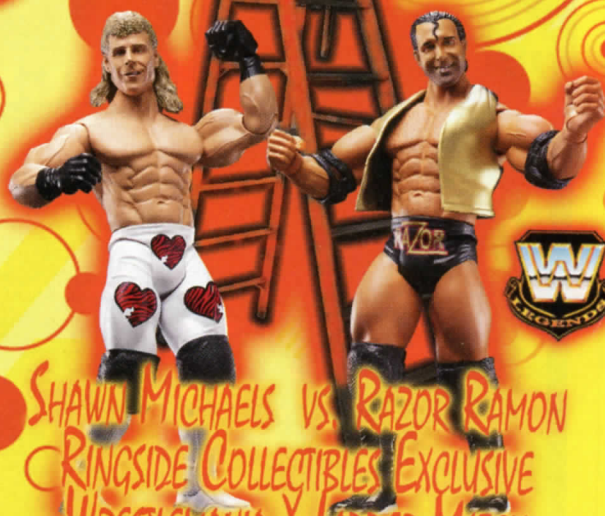
A women's wrestling pioneer, "Sensational" Sherri Martel left an indelible mark on the business. Martel began in the AWA, winning the Women's Championship on three occasions. Trained by the Fabulous Moolah, she evolved into a highly successful manager, standing behind the likes of Randy Savage, Ted DiBiase, Ric Flair and Harlem Heat. She also helped launch Shawn Michaels' career. Sherri was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2006.



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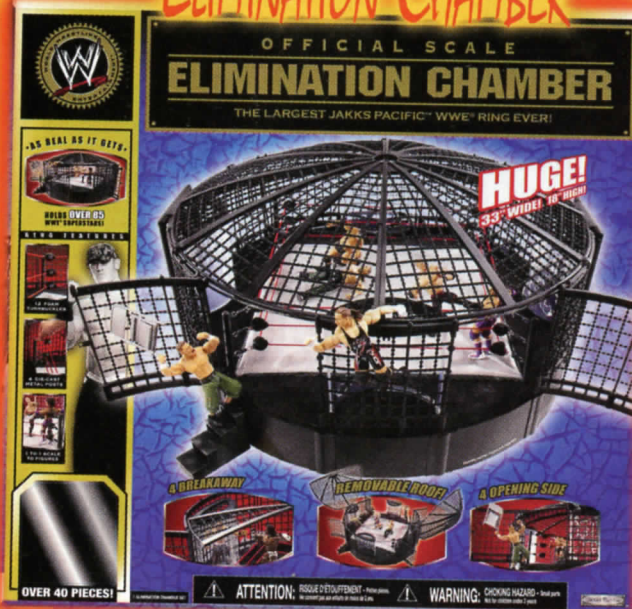


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SummerSlam

The 20th 'Slam cannonballs into your living room on August 26! Why not fire up the Weber, grab a coldie and join in on the greatest party of the summer?

PLACE YOUR BETS

Trying to figure out what titles will change hands at SummerSlam? Well, we examined past years' results, crunched the numbers and came up with these odds.

WWE CHAMPIONSHIP

Remarkably, the WWE title has found a new owner just three times in the 'Slam's 20-year history. Can that be right?

100-1

TAG TEAM

Defended since the first 'Slam in 1988, the Tag titles have changed hands on five different occasions. The smart money says we'll have new winners.

5-1

INTERCONTINENTAL

The I-C title has changed hands 12 times in the 20-year history of SummerSlam, making this belt the most likely to swap waists.

2-1

ECW CHAMPIONSHIP

This one's a wildcard. The ECW gold has only been successfully defended once in 'Slam history, so anything is fair game in the land of extreme.

50-50

UNITED STATES

It was defended three times and changed hands only once! This is a long shot by any stretch of the imagination.

50-1

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT

The World Heavyweight title has changed hands only twice in four defenses. If it happens this go-around, bold bettors will cash in big time.

25-1

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING, WWE ISN'T THE ONLY PLACE WHERE SKULLS CRACK DURING THE WARM WEATHER MONTHS.

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Crusaders vs. City of Antioch

JUNE 22, 1633

Galileo Galilei vs. the Holy Office of Rome



JULY 18, 1692

Accused Witches vs. the Town of Salem, MA

JULY 4, 1776

Founding Fathers vs. the British



JUNE 25, 1876

George Custer vs. the Lakota Indians

JUNE 6, 1944

Allied Forces vs. Axis Powers (D-Day)

JULY 26, 1953

Fidel Castro vs. the Cuban Government

JUNE 20, 1975

Jaws vs. Martin Brody



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SUMMER SPECIALS

A look back at seven of the greatest specialty matches in 'Slam history.

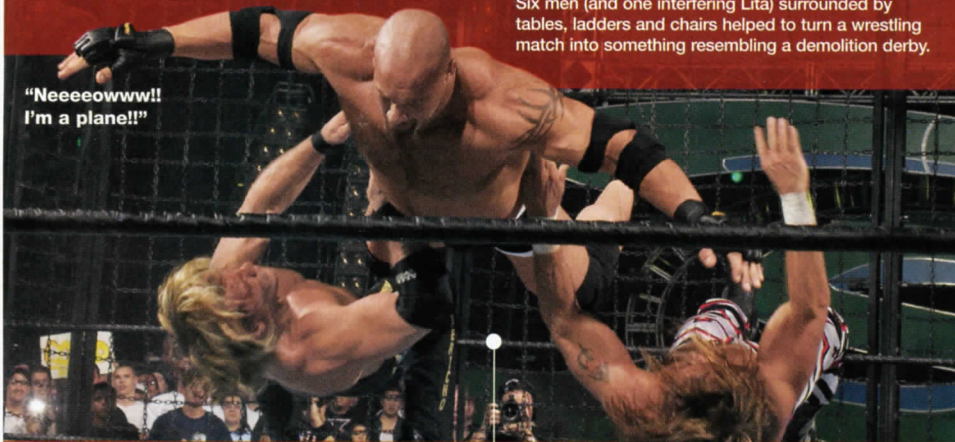
AUG. 27, 1990, PHILADELPHIA SPECTRUM, PHILADELPHIA, PA
THE HART FOUNDATION VS. DEMOLITION IN A 2-OUT-OF-3 FALLS MATCH FOR THE TAG TEAM TITLES

Despite it being a match between guys in pink and dudes in facepaint, this proved to be a manly bout, with both teams giving as good as they got. Thanks to a distraction from the Legion of Doom, the Harts defeated Demolition with two falls in a row.

AUG. 18, 1996, GUND ARENA, CLEVELAND, OH
THE UNDERTAKER VS. MANKIND IN A BOILER ROOM BRAWL
Two guys fight in a Boiler Room; first guy to the ring wins. Thanks to a betrayal from the once-trusted Paul Bearer, 'Taker went down in the match.

AUG. 27, 2000, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTS ARENA, RALEIGH, NC
THE HARDYS VS. EDGE & CHRISTIAN VS. THE DUDLEY BOYZ IN A TLC MATCH FOR THE TAG TEAM TITLES.
Six men (and one interfering Lita) surrounded by tables, ladders and chairs helped to turn a wrestling match into something resembling a demolition derby.

"Neeeeeowww!!
I'm a plane!!!"



AUG. 29, 1994, UNITED CENTER, CHICAGO, IL
BRET HART VS. OWEN HART IN A STEEL CAGE MATCH FOR THE WWE TITLE
Giving new meaning to "family feud," brother battled brother in the cage with the entire Hart family sitting ringside.

AUG. 27, 1995, PITTSBURGH CIVIC ARENA, PITTSBURGH, PA
SHAWN MICHAELS VS. RAZOR RAMON IN A LADDER MATCH FOR THE INTERCONTINENTAL TITLE
In a rematch of their first historic ladder war at *WrestleMania X*, the Heartbreak Kid and the machismo-oozing Ramon went at it a second time. This time around, HBK nabbed the win, and sent the oily Ramon slithering away.

AUG. 25, 2002, NASSAU COLISEUM, UNIONDALE, NY
HBK VS. TRIPLE H IN AN UNSANCTIONED STREET FIGHT
On the night of Michael's official comeback, HBK went head-to-head with Triple H and took him down in a bloody free-for-all. "The Game" retaliated with two sledgehammer shots to the back.

AUG. 24, 2003, AMERICA WEST ARENA, PHOENIX, AZ
TRIPLE H VS. GOLDBERG VS. CHRIS JERICHO VS. RANDY ORTON VS. KEVIN NASH VS. SHAWN MICHAELS IN AN ELIMINATION CHAMBER MATCH FOR THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE
It seemed nothing could stop Goldberg in the second-ever E.C. match. The behemoth dominated until his face kissed Triple H's sledgehammer.

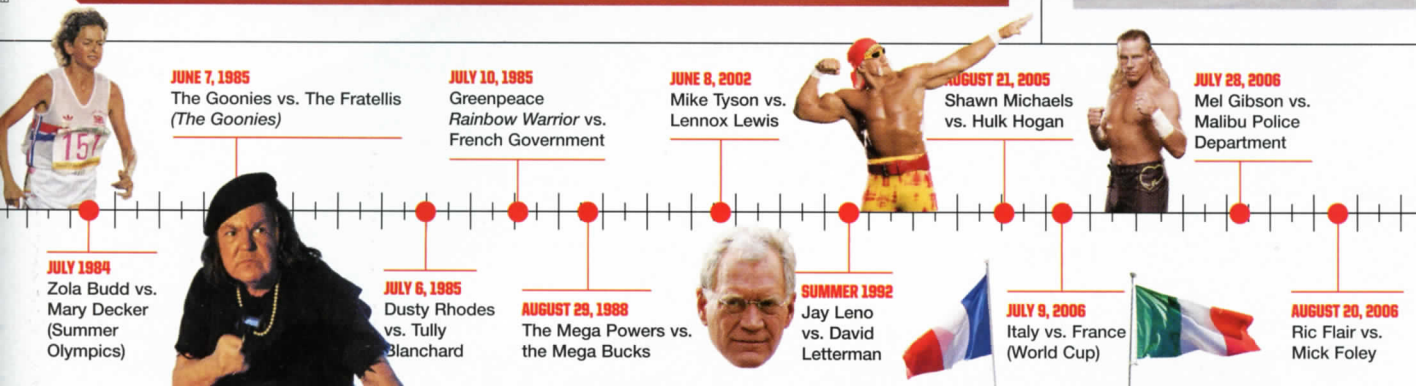


SECONDS IT TOOK THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR TO END THE 15-MONTH REIGN OF HONKY TONK MAN AS INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION (AUG. 29, 1988, AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, NY).

In one of the shortest matches in 'Slam history, Honky was originally set to face Brutus "The Barber" Beefcake, who could not compete due to an injury. With no opponent, Honky grabbed the mic and said, "Get me somebody out here to wrestle, I don't care who it is." The Ultimate Warrior's music hit, and 30 seconds later, history was made.



Battle of the fashion-challenged.



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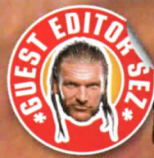
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**JULY'S
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**HAKU vs. HARLEY RACE
1989 ROYAL RUMBLE**

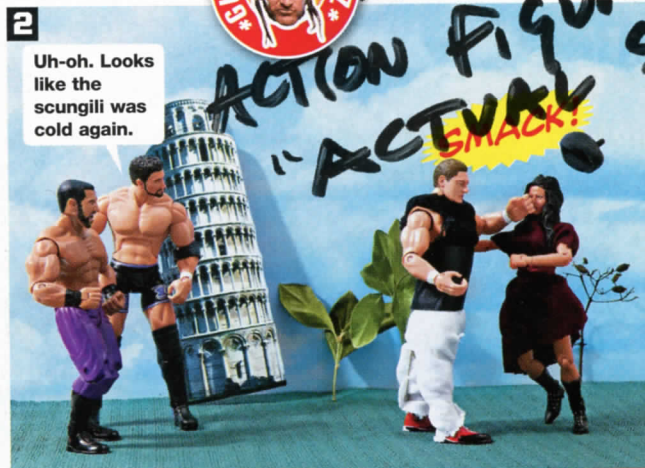
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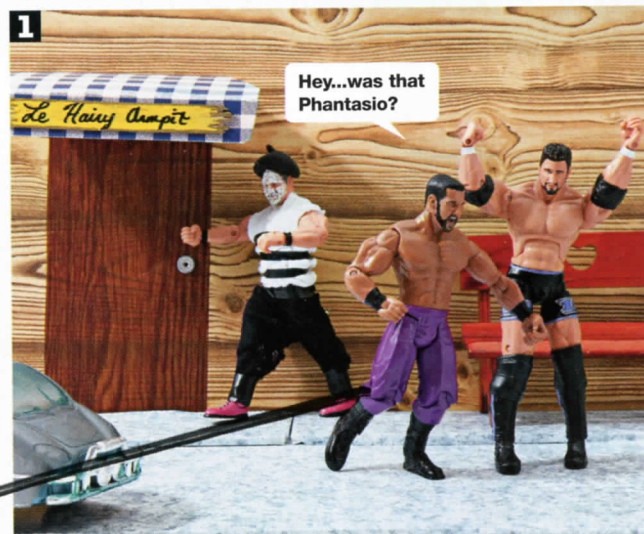


If you're a WWE Superstar, fighting is second nature. You see it, live it and breathe it every day. But every once in a while, our guys come across a scuffle that stops even them in their tracks—like this skirmish, which taught Daivari the real meaning of "girl power."

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DAIVARI
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"ACTUAL SMACK!"



"All of a sudden we see this guy and girl having a fistfight in the street. They're throwing punches like two hardcore cage fighters."



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